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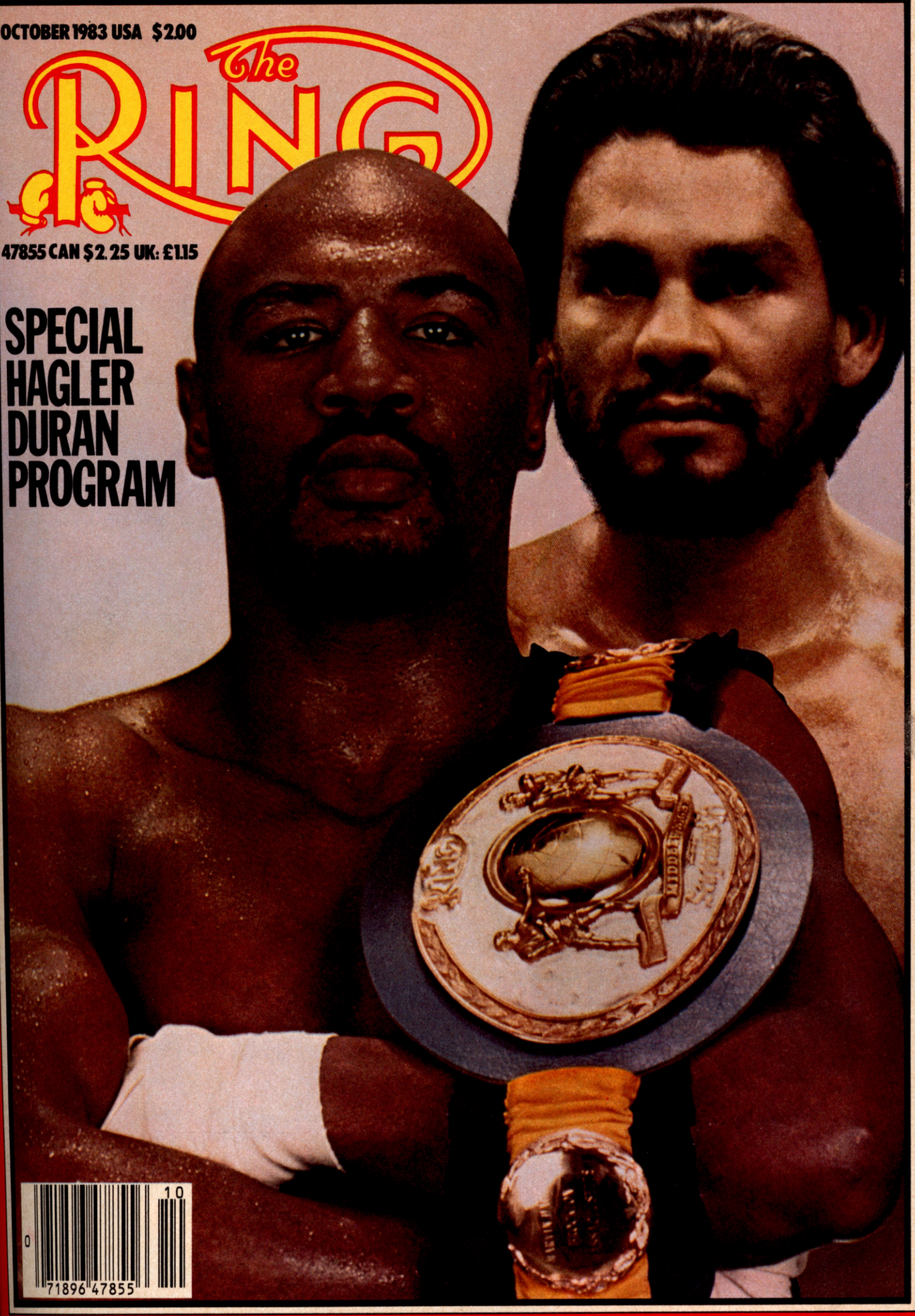

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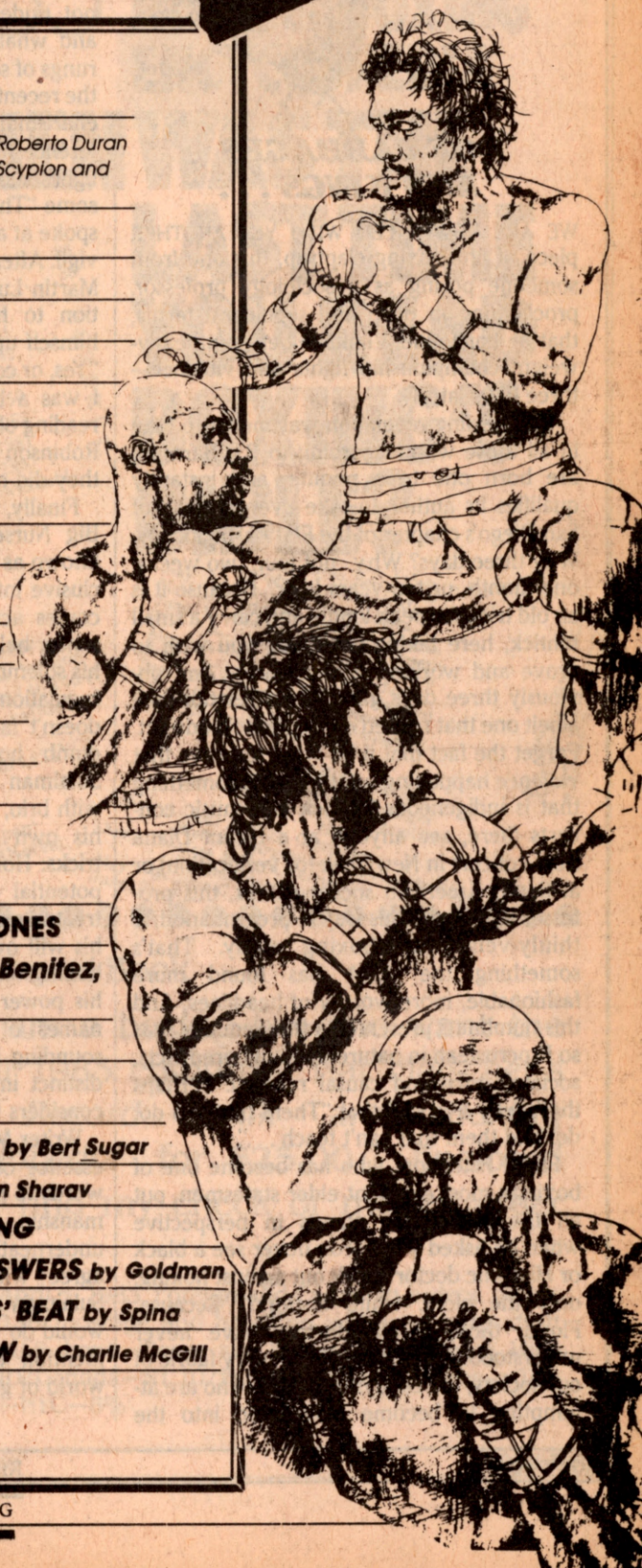

RINGSIDE

OF CABBAGES AND KINGS . . .

WE ARE NOW FACED WITH YET ANOTHER piece of anti-boxing claptrap, this one from someone posing as a sociology professor, proclaiming in deep and sepulchral terms, that he has found a linkage between heavyweight championship fights and violence—three days later!

This sterling revelation was meant to take in all those who, according to P.T. Barnum, are born one to a minute, and instantly qualifies its author to take over as head of San Diego's chapter of the Flat Earth Society. Why three days? Why not four, two weeks, one month, or ten years later? Because it is an old trick to speak loudly and carry a small schtick, here taking the thesis you wish to prove and working it backwards. And obviously three days gave him a relationship, albeit one that reeked of prophetic hindsight. Forget the fact that if he were to prove that violence happening on the spot is something that is indigeneous to rock and music concerts (here, see anyone at a recent Diana Ross concert in New York for verification) or at South American soccer games, this professor went out of his way to present another thinly-veiled anti-boxing study. That's something the AMA has found more fashionable, more worthy of headlines. And this numbnuts presented a theorem that was so Procrustean in nature that it ignored facts, social history and causal relation. Perhaps that's why it is said that "Them that can do, do; and them that can't teach . . ."

Floyd Patterson, who has become one of boxing's most eloquent elder statesmen, put all the anti-boxing stands in perspective when he asked why, "You never see a black or Hispanic doctor speak out against boxing; only the older, white doctors?" Because, Floyd, those WASP doctors have never understoood that boxing is the very fabric of our society, the catalyst for those who are attempting to become assimilated into the mainstream of society, something the WASP doctors—who have never balled up their fists in anger, except to write out another overpriced bill—cannot understand.

But, if the AMA and some sociologist not worth the paper his thesis is written on cannot understand the importance of boxing and what it means to those on the lower rungs of society, then perhaps we should cite the recent remarks by Bishop Desmond Tutu, charismatic head of the South African Conference of Churches, and one of the world's lighthouses for hope. Bishop Tutu, called by some "The Martin Luther King of Our Day," spoke at a recent World Council of Churches vigil. Afterward someone asked him whether Martin Luther King Jr. had been an inspiration to him. The diminutive Tutu pulled himself up to his full five-feet-plus and said, "Yes, or course. But, more importantly, when I was a boy what really inspired me was reading of the Brown Bomber and Sugar Ray Robinson and reading about them and what they did made me feel inches taller."

Finally, we have invited Jose Sulaiman, the Big Nurse Ratched of the Cuckoo's Nest known as the WBC, to state his side in an exclusive interview in this month's RING. Jose comes across as a curious blend of horse sense, half-sense and nonsense, seeing it as his solemn duty to enforce his own rules and regulations and bring into line anyone who doesn't fall into line first. Embodying both dumb honesty and cunning oppression, Sulaiman attempts to repress boxing's trio with brio, Chacon, Hagler and Holmes, with his own grab bag of Nurse Ratched-like tricks: Holding out chastisement to Holmes, potential castration to Chacon and shock treatments to Hagler—his way of enforcing his will over the Randle McMurphys of the boxing world who stand up against him and his power base. And, while rattling off the names of his "friends" which come out sounding like the Holy Writ, he leaves the distinct impression of woe befall those he considers infidels.

Writer Mike Marley has captured the very essence of the man, using Sulaiman's own words to present a picture of bumbling conmanship, yet a man intensely human underneath his deviations. We can only agree with Marley's conclusion that Sr. Sulaiman should step down; something that would do the World Boxing Council—not to mention the world of boxing as well—a world of good.

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World Champion
Walcott

Lightweights
World Champion
James Carter
1. Luther Rawlings
2. Virgil Akins

REMENTS OF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

	James J. Corbett	Bob Fitz-simmons	James J. Jeffries	Marvin Hart	Tommy Burns
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	38 in.	41 in.			40 in.
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	14½				16½ in.
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JACK DEMPSEY
(William Harrison Dempsey)
(The Manassa Mauler)
Born, June 24, 1895, Manassa, Colorado.
Ancestry, Irish-Scotch-Cherokee. Weight, 187 lbs.
Height, 6 ft. ¾ in. Managed by Frank Price, Jack Kearns.

1914
—Fred Woods, Montrose, Colo. ..... KO 4
—Andy Malloy, Durango, Colo. ..... L 10
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D TITLE: WBA Junior Flyweight
Champion: Yoko Gushiken (Japan)
Challenger: Pedro Flores (Mexico)
Date: October 12th
Place: Kanazawa, Japan
Weights: Gushiken-107½, Flores-107¾
Result: Gushiken by a unanimous decision
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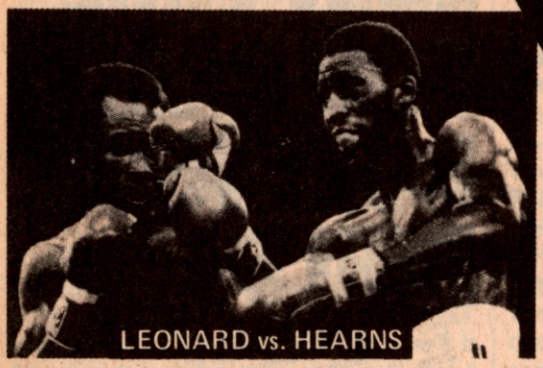
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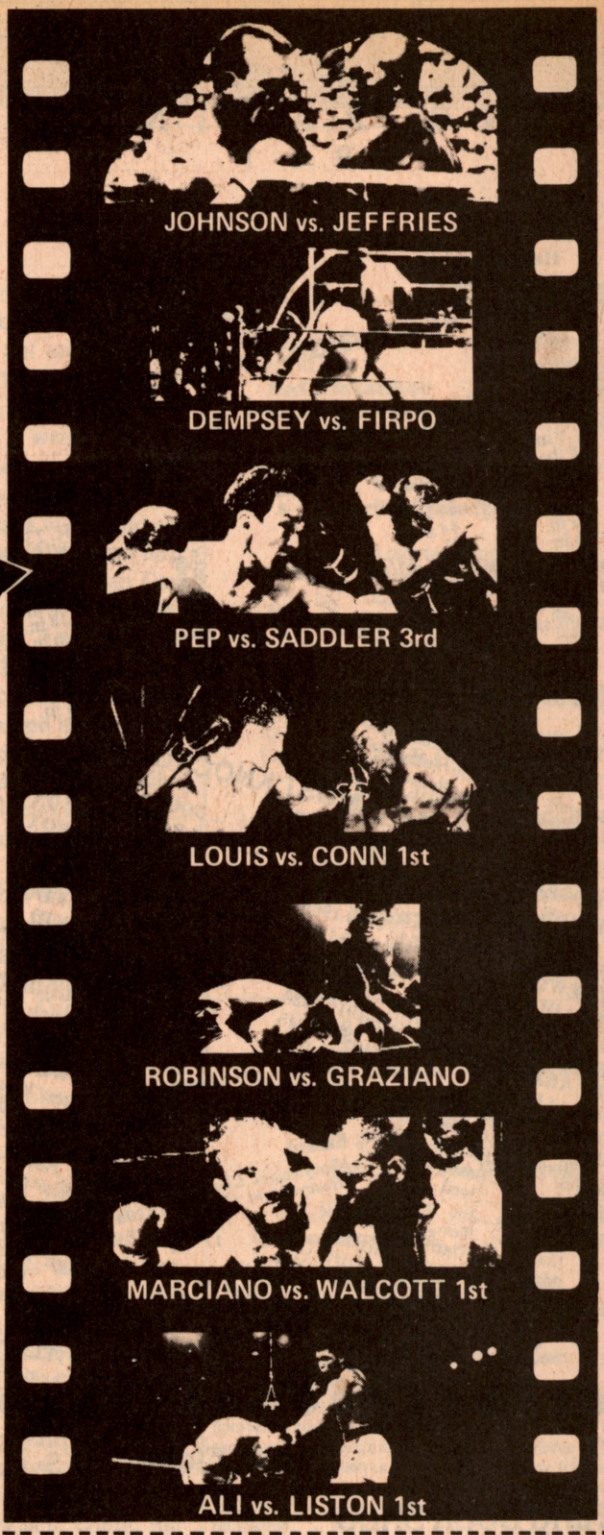

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ROUND ONE

PAGE ON HOLD

GREG PAGE HAS RELUCTANTLY chosen to go along with the schedule that Larry Holmes has drawn up for him to get his shot at the Heavyweight Championship. Page is the WBC's Number-One contender, and by the rules of the organization Holmes is already overdue for defending his title against him. But Holmes has received approval from the WBC to fight Scott Frank and Marvis Frazier this year and put off Page until 1984.

"I believe that if we sue the WBC, we'll win," says Page's attorney, J. Bruce Miller of Louisville, Ky. "They've violated their rules. But we have to make decisions that are sensible for Greg.

"If we sue and win and get the fight at the end of 1983, we won't have time to invest the money properly . . . We'd wind up paying it to Uncle Sam. And Holmes might not fight him anyway. I don't think he wants to."

Miller says that Page and Don King are trying to arrange a fight for the contender in Europe while they wait for Holmes. "It would enhance Greg's name, and make the eventual Holmes-Page fight bigger," Miller belives.

Will Holmes fight Frank and Frazier and then abruptly retire without fighting Page? "I don't doubt it," says Miller. "But the tragedy for Holmes is that if he retires and ducks Greg, he will never establish himself as a top champion. He should fight Greg or retire—but not fight these two clowns."

DON'T CALL US, WE'LL CALL YOU DEPT.

LATE ON A RECENT FRIDAY AFTERNOON, the call came in to the *Ring* Assistant Editor: "Can you tell me the birthdays of Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler?," asked the caller with feigned innocence. But the editor, who can spot such things in a flash, turned to his colleague and said, "I've got an astrologer or a biorhythmist on the line."

Sure enough, the caller soon purported to be an expert in "the science of biorhythms." The editor furnished him with the birth days—June 16, 1951 for Duran and May 23, 1954 for Hagler—and the date of the Hagler-Duran fight—November 10, 1983 —and the

expert punched the information into his computer. After pausing for half a minute, the expert gave his prognosis. "Duran will be down physically," claimed the pseudo-scientist. "Hagler will be slightly down physically, but on an upswing. Duran will be low emotionally and low physically. Hagler will be high in both of those areas."

"It's a definite win for Hagler," concluded the expert. "I don't know much about boxing, but the biorhythms are never wrong."

"But wait," protested the editor. "All of our experts are picking Hagler to win big. I don't need biorhythms to tell me that."

"I could show you the biorhythms on some past fights," insisted the caller.

The patient editor furnished the caller with the birthdate of Sugar Ray Leonard and the dates of the two Leonard-Duran fights. After hitting some keys, the caller exclaimed, "The first fight is close, but Leonard has an edge emotionally and physically. The second fight isn't even close. Leonard is down on all counts. He's in a critical down phase physically. Duran is on the upswing everywhere. It's a big win for Duran. You see—the system works." Well, he admitted he didn't know much about boxing.

"Duran won the first fight and Leonard won the second," stated the editor coldly. "It's the exact opposite of your forecast."

"Leonard won the second one?," asked the now-perplexed caller.

"Yes, Duran quit right in the middle of the ring."

"Anyway," concluded the caller, "I'm telling you, bet anything you have on Hagler. The biorhythms say he can't lose this fight."

"Thanks for the tip, pal," said the editor, giving the phone his best Daryl Dawkins slam-dunk.

A KING'S RANSOM

RIVAL PROMOTERS, WITH OBVIOUS OVERTONES OF GLEE, make note of Don King's purported penchant for staging fights which turn out to be major losers—of other people's money. King, they say, always comes out unscathed, while his backers and partners are left attempting to come up for air after an inundation of red ink. And, if King finds that he has miscalculated, he merely cajoles the fighters into taking pay cuts as fight day draws near.

Whatever the truth of those allegations, King's foes couldn't help but chuckle at the unexpected problems which Donald ran into in the McCrory-Jones promotion in Las Vegas. With his backers backing away, King was forced to bite the bullet and absorb a $400,000 loss, all by himself.

The source of the problem was the collapse of the deal that the brothers Clifford and Stuart Perlman had been working on for the purchase of the Dunes Hotel. King had brought the fight to the Dunes after signing a contract with brother Clifford.

Dunes board chairman Morris Shenker resumed management of the hotel when the Perlmans withdrew, and secured a $1 million lien against the outdoor stadium adjacent to the hotel where the fight was being held. King was compelled to come up with a $46,000 check for the lease of the stadium,

with more expenses coming.

Jones and his manager, Eddie Thomas say that King, as per his usual modus operandi, approached them and asked them to take a substantial cut in Jones' $450,000 purse. "He had no legal basis for cutting our purse," says Thomas. "He probably just wanted to throw off Colin's concentration." Jones says that he refused to take the paycut.

King denies having asked either fighter to take a cut. "It would be a black eye for boxing if this fight doesn't come off," King stated with less than 48 hours to go before fight time. "I will subsidize this fight myself and fulfill my commitment to the fighters and the public."

A spokeswoman from King's New York office said a week after McCrory's split decision win that King had lost over $400,000 on the promotion. All Don has to show for it are a few options on Milton McCrory's defenses, which might help him make some of that money back.

But whatever he did, King deserves a pat on the back for his championship effort.

MAKING NO CONCESSION

WARREN, OHIO, CELEBRATED A homecoming a year ago, last July: Ray Mancini, the local boy who had made good, came home to stage the first defense of his WBA lightweight title in front of his friends and neighbors. A wildly cheering crowd of 17,500 packed Warren Harding High School's football stadium to watch Mancini pummel Ernesto Espana and retain his belt. To many, it was a reaffirmation of solid American values: church, school, motherhood and apple pie.

An updated version of American tradition is being acted out in Warren today. Ray's mother, Ellen, has filed suit against the Warren school board in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court, claiming $10,000 in damages for the concession and souvenir sales at the homecoming fight she was done out of.

ARGUELLO'S PRIOR MEETING

PRIOR TO THE PRYOR-ARGUELLO PRESS conference, Mike Jones, manager of junior welterweight Billy Costello, served Dan Duva with a suit filed against the promoter in New York. Jones alleges that he had a valid contract with Duva for a July 17 bout between Arguello and Costello and that the promoter breached it.

Dan Duva insists that the Arguello-Costello fight was scrapped only because Arguello had been stricken with dysentery (read "Montezuma's Revenge") in Mexico. But Arguello's agent, Bill Miller, says that the reason is that the contract which both Arguello and Pryor signed with Main Events gave each fighter veto power over any tune-up bout which the other wished to undertake. When Pryor signed with Stallone, all of a sudden he exercised the veto. That story is confirmed by others at Main Events.

"The real reason that Pryor refused to allow that fight," a person close to the situation told *The Ring*, "is that Stallone's people were hoping Duva's entire Pryor-Arguello promotion would fall apart. Then they would have stepped in and promoted the Pryor-Arguello fight themselves."

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME?

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD has apologized to everyone for his actions on the day of the cancellation of his scheduled title rematch with Michael Spinks. But the former WBA light heavyweight champion makes clear that he would do the same thing if the circumstances repeated themselves.

"I realized that had I made an attempt at losing the weight, my status in the boxing world would not have deteriorated as it has," Mustafa said in a prepared statement read to repaorters in New York. But when he was finished reading the script, Eddie adamantly repeated his original charge that the scale at the Washington weigh-in, which showed him weighing 177½ pounds, was wrong, and that he was in fact not an ounce over 175. Mustafa's failure to make the weight had caused the bout to be downgraded to a 10-round, non title affair, before Spinks cancelled it entirely.

Despite the fact that the scale was certified by the Bureau of Weights and Measures a grain of doubt remains. The doubt was planted when it was revealed that a package of flour which *Ring* publisher Bert Sugar placed on the scale registered two pounds higher than what the flour manufacturer, Pillsbury says it should have weighed (See last month's *Ring*).

The insults continue to fly between Mustafa and Spinks and between Mustafa and promoter Butch Lewis. Mustafa says that Spinks is gutless, and Spinks and Lewis claim that Eddie is a disgrace who is unworthy of another opportunity to win the title. But it has all of a sudden become clear that a Spinks-Mustafa fight is now good business. The rematch had bombed at the gate even before it was called off, but the controversy has fueled interest in what could be *the* grudge fight.

Spinks-Mustafa II is a fight that should be made. We can see a problem with it though, but happily we can also see the solution. The problem is that a promoter, whether it's Butch Lewis or someone else, would be afraid to make the fight, figuring that Eddie is liable to come in overweight and cause a disastrous loss of money. Lewis lost $200,000 on "the brawl that wasn't." And it's unlikely that any insurance company would touch any such promotion with a 5-foot ringpost.

The solution is that Eddie Mustafa Muhammad should put up a large sum of money or a house as collateral. In the event that he fails to make the weight, the collateral would be forfeited to the promoter and to Spinks. The official weigh-in should take place not on some rinky-dink athletic commission scale, but on a top-of-the-line, state-of-the-art computerized scale at a scientific laboratory affiliated with a major university or high-technology corporation. Contrary to what some may believe, it *is* possible to accurately weigh a person to within a fraction of an ounce.

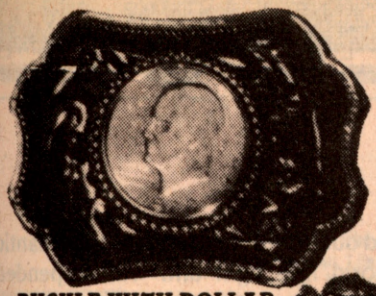
Should Mustafa agree to this, we would suggest that the fight be signed. The ensuing publicity that the news media would likely give to the unusual stipulation would surely be worth thousands of dollars in ticket sales. Should Eddie refuse, then we can't blame Michael for bypassing him and defending his crown against the Oscar Rivadeneyra's and Eddie Davis's of the division.

TAKING A DIVE

NO MATTER WHAT BASEBALL CLAIMS, the national pastime in the U.S. is still bellying up to the bar in the company of a few hailfellows to lift one or two cups of kindness to auld lange syne. The occasion is made all the more festive by the introduction of a televised sporting event, courtesy of network TV.

And so it was that on the afternoon of the Hamsho-Benitez fight quite a few sports had congregated at one of their favorite watering holes in upstate New York, Hankerchip's in Mount Kisco, to catch a few rounds. Only trouble was that the barkeep was not keeping tabs on the time nor the channel, and as the announced bewitching time of four o'clock drew closer, he managed to find other things to do than switch channels to accomodate his by-now somewhat anxious customers.

Therefore, instead of watching the opening of the ABC credits for their Wide World of Sports show and the upcoming match between Mustafa Hamsho and Wilfred Benitez, they were treated to a Cable News Network roundup of the latest news, the first item being the death that very afternoon of the Soviet diver Sergei Shalibashvili, who had died after suffering



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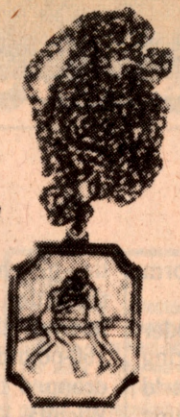

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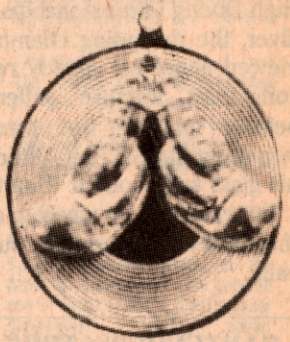

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head injuries in the high diving platform event at the World University Games.

Finally, finding the dial, the bartender turned to ABC, and what to the wondering eyes of the viewers appeared but the World High Diving Championships. When the first diver, the defending champion, was interviewed about his speedy recovery from a compound fracture suffered the meet before, one of the patrons—obviously remembering his cue—lifted his head from his glass and shouted "Ban the sport!"

No reports on whether any members of the AMA were present or out making house calls.

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

NAME THE TWO HALL-OF-FAMERS who won both the welterweight and middleweight championships and share a name in common.

Last month's question: Name 10 instances in which a champion won back his title from a man who had taken it from him by a knockout.

Answer: Stanley Ketchel KO 11 Billy Papke on Nov. 26, 1908 for middleweight title; Tony Zale KO 3 Rocky Graziano on June 10, 1948 for middleweight title; Willie Pep W 15 Sandy Saddler on Feb. 11, 1949 for featherweight title; Floyd Patterson KO 5 Ingemar Johansson on June 20, 1960 for heavyweight title; Benny Paret W 15 Emile Griffith on Sept. 30, 1961 for welterweight title; Koichi Wajima W 15 Oscar Albarado on Jan 21, 1975 for jr. middleweight title; Koichi Wajima KO 15 Jae-Do Yuh on Feb. 17, 1976 for jr. middleweight title; Victor Galindez KO 10 Mike Rossman on April 14, 1979 for light heavyweight title.

A FIGHTER WITH TOO MUCH HEART FOR HIS OWN GOOD

OKLAHOMA, A STATE WITH NO BOXING commision at all and no licensing of boxers, the state which brought us Pat O'Grady, now brings us Benny Harjo, a 24-year-old fighter with a pacemaker. Mike Helderman of Ringmaster, Inc. in Oklahoma City is the promoter to thank.

Dean Bailey of the *Daily Oklahoman* reports that one needn't worry about Harjo's heart giving out in a grueling battle—his chin tends to give out long before the action gets heavy. In his first bout since having the pacemaker, installed, the 160-pound Harjo lost on a TKO after being dropped three times in the first round by Wichita, Kansas welterweight Ron Malek.

We hope Harjo voluntarily retires before his pacemaker does.

COMIC STRIP

WITH TITLE-STRIPPINGS IN THE news, count on Pat O'Grady and his World Athletic Association to provide some needed comic relief. The following news items are presented in chronological order.

Item: World Athletic Association heavyweight champion Monte Masters and his wife Rosie Masters (nee O'Grady) have separated. Masters has left the O'Gradys' Castaic, Calif. house.

Item: The World Athletic Association announced that WAA heavyweight champion Monte Masters has been stripped of his title.

SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT

IT'S BEEN ALL DOWNHILL FOR CAVEman Lee since the Detroit middleweight was knocked out by a Marvin Hagler right jab in March of last year. Lee was counted out just 67 seconds into the Atlantic City world title fight and was suspended shortly afterward when a urinalysis revealed that he had illegal drugs in his system at the time of the fight (Round One, October, 1982).

Lee had not fought since the Hagler debacle, which earned him $60,000. But he had a record of 22-3, including 21 knockouts and was planning to come back.

Now comes word that the Caveman is behind bars on a charge of bank robbery. The 26-year-old Lee allegedly used a rifle to rob the Avon Township branch of the First Federal Savings and Loan in Michigan of over $18,000 in cash. Police said the scheme went sour when a smoke bomb, which the teller had planted in the bag of money, exploded in Lee's getaway car, emitting a telltale trail of red smoke.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

EISENHOWER BABLISH (BABS) MCCARTHY, 35, journeyman welterweight, died under mysterious circumstances in Sacramento, Calif. The body was recovered by divers from the American River near Discovery Park after remaining in the water undiscovered for an undetermined length of time. It lay unclaimed in the Sacramento County morgue for a month before being identified.

McCarthy compiled a record of 14-13-3 and had not fought since December 10, 1981 when he was knocked out in 5 rounds by Bobby Joe Young. He was active in seeking pensions for boxers and appeared on the Barry Farber TV show last year, where he denounced boxing's ills.

PUNCHLINES

MILTON MCCRORY, THE NEW WBC welterweight champion on his midafternoon, Las Vegas battle with Colin Jones: "The worst part was the heat. It was even hotter than the Kronk and that's hot. I'll never do that again."

Sal Marchiano's final, on-air words on ESPN, the cable network headquartered in a small Connecticut city: "Happiness is seeing Bristol, Connecticut in my rear view mirror."

BY BEN SHARAV

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HOW THE HELL CAN THE WBA SANCTION the Mancini-Romero clash? Is it perhaps that Romero is really Ernesto Espana, getting his regular title shot?

KEITH SMITH,
WALTON-ON-THAMES, ENGLAND

IN THESE DAYS OF WBA, WBC AND USBA/I network champions, *The Ring* still has the most accurate ratings. This was evident when Oscar Muniz outpointed the World Bantamweight Champion, Jeff Chandler in Atlantic City. Muniz was rated third in the world by *Ring*, but was nowhere to be found in either the WBA or WBC top-ten. After his performance against the champion, it was obvious that Muniz' number 3 ranking was a knockout.

BRIAN BURWELL,
DEER PARK, N.Y.

FIRING AT BAZOOKA

IF HECTOR CAMACHO LEAPFROGS OVER BOBBY Chacon in the *Ring* ratings, then cancel my subscription. I don't even know what two class guys like Gil Clancy and Sugar Ray Leonard were doing working the Camacho-Bazooka Limon fight. The sight of Don King parading around the ring before the "title fight" was enough to make a lifetime boxing fan give up. When a title can be taken from a fighter like Bobby Chacon outside the ring, it's high time for a U.S. boxing commission. This fight didn't need to be watched on television. You could smell it with the set off.

SCOTT BUTLER,
TUSCON, ARIZ.

IN DEFENSE OF M.D.'S

AS A PHYSICIAN, *RING* SUBSCRIBER, AND opponent of the abolition of boxing, I felt I had to reply to your vicious attack on the medical profession. You did not limit yourself to some faceless hierarchy, but used half truths and outright lies to demean doctors rather than argue for your stance on its merits.

First of all, as soon as you called *The New York Times* a hand-maiden of the AMA, all of your credibility went out the window. Anyone who reads that paper knows that the liberal *Times* and the AMA rarely see eye to eye.

Your blast at physicians in Detroit really made me see red. The vast majority of doctors see a significant number of indigent (non-paying) patients within their practice. Working in a free clinic is above and beyond this contribution, and 15% is a significant number considering the pressures and long hours present in this profession (and the average physician earns much less than the average magazine publisher). Space prohibits me from responding to your distortions and innuendos on house calls, medical costs and generics (I'd be glad to in another letter).

I don't know what your definition of "the common man" is, but those words were laughable coming from someone who jets to major fights and has his picture taken regularly with celebrities. I still love "The Bible of Boxing," but your Ringside section needs an editor transplant.

L. J. PERILLO, M.D.
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Editor's Note: The Publisher of* The Ring *will gladly compare his total earnings—not even including tax shelters and other "doctorial" goodies—with any doctor anywhere.

IN DEFENSE OF THE TIMES

MR. SUGAR'S BELLICOSE EDITORIALS sure do not suffer from consistency. In your latest diatribe (August) you refer to "the American Medical Association and their handmaiden, *The New York Times*" as being enemies of boxing. But when you ripped *The New York Times* six months ago, you claimed that the "official position of the AMA is solid, balanced and reasonable," and that the *Times* had "slanted" and "distorted" it.

If the AMA is as hostile to boxing as you now claim it is, then your attacks on the *Times* are nothing but a case of "shooting the messenger who brings the bad news."

JESSE SHARF,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

SHOWBOATING FOR FUN AND PROFIT

FIRST, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Lupe Madera, Jung-Koo Chang, Jiro Watanabe, Rafael Orono, Carlos DeLeon and Osvaldo Ocasio should be given the same amount of respect as the rest of the world champions. Every division should be covered in your ratings with the WBA and WBC champion listed. Remember your responsibility is to the public, not to yourselves.

Second, boxing journalists should learn not to criticize. Your criticisms of Jeff Chandler for his conduct in the Miguel Iriarte and Oscar Muniz fights made me sick. Jeff Chandler lost by a split decision to the no-name Muniz because the white judges did not like his showboating. Showboating is a habit of blacks that irritates whites so to discourage it, they gave the decision away. When Jeff Chandler enters the ring I'm sure he does not try to live up to your standards or anyone else's. I hope Jeff continues to showboat and dominate the bantamweight division. And a boxing journalist's job is to report on a particular fight, not criticize the performance of the participants.

GEORGE C. YATES JR.,
WILLINGBORO, N.J.

T.V.'S A'S AND Z'S

I WATCH A LOT OF FIGHTS ON TV AND I pay close attention to the blow-by-blow announcers. Here are my nominations for the best and the worst: Best, NBC's Marv Albert. He does a good job of focusing attention on the actions of both fighters, not just one. He also works in the comments of Ferdie Pacheco well, so that both men have an equal chance to make observations.

Worst, ESPN's Sal Marchiano. At times he is an out-and-out shill for Top Rank. Anyone who has heard Marchiano's shameless hyping of an ordinary clubfighter like Kenny Bogner would wonder about his credibility. Sal's shriek of "Good night, sweet prince" to a knocked out fighter is a feeble attempt to establish a trademark to remember him by. I remember him as I would a painful trip to the dentist.

ROGER BROWN,
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Editor's Note: Reader Brown should be happy to know that Sal Marchiano is no longer with ESPN.

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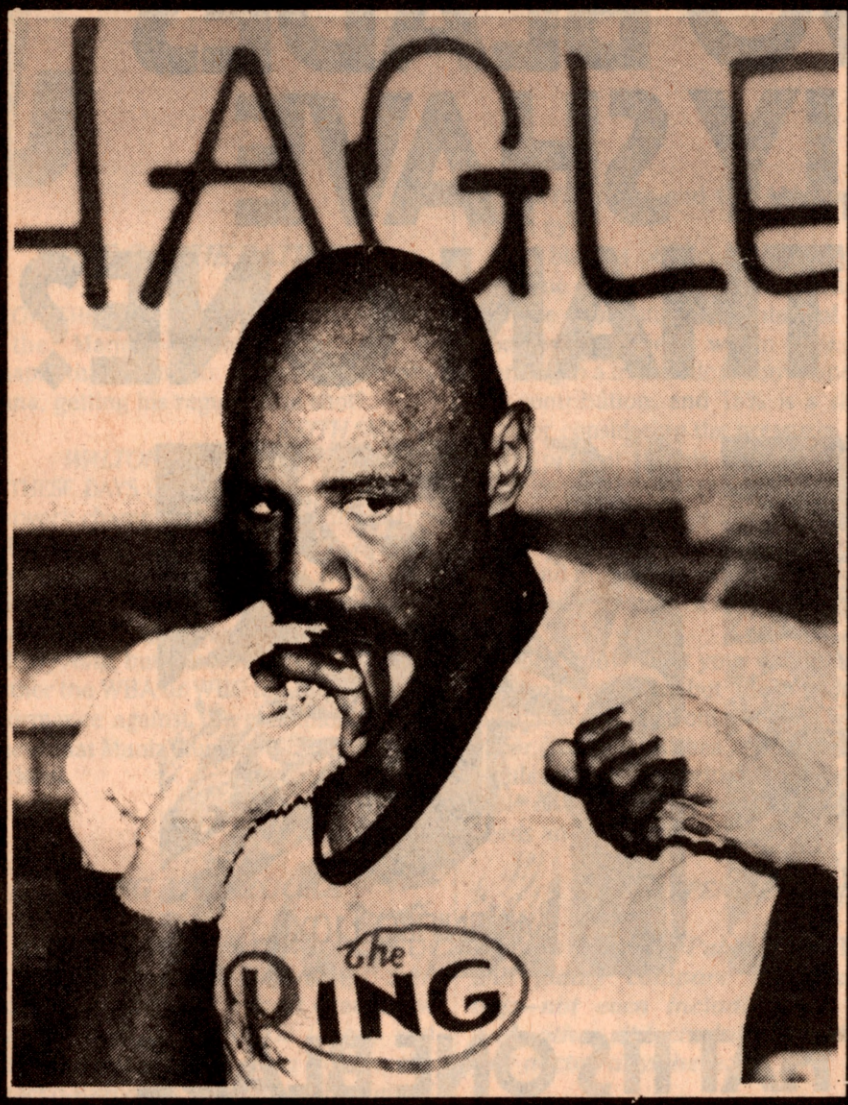

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"DEMPSEY WAS VASTLY OVERRATED"

REAMS OF COPY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN by the media about the passing away of Jack Dempsey and all of us mourn his loss. I have seen it written that Jack Dempsey was the greatest fighter who ever lived. But a cold look at the record tells a different story.

The record shows that after he became champion, Dempsey defended his title against Billy Miske, a fighter suffering from Bright's Disease, who had one foot in his grave. Next came Bill Brennan, an old warhorse who lasted 12 rounds before Dempsey finally disposed of him. Then came the knockout of the Frenchman, Georges Carpentier, a stuffed-up middleweight who weighed no more than 165 pounds.

The first good fighter he then met was Tom Gibbons, a light heavyweight who lasted 15 rounds without getting knocked down by the Manassa Mauler. Louis Firpo, a crude fighter who hardly knew anything about boxing, but possessed a powerful right hand, managed to knock Dempsey through the ropes for more than 10 seconds but was robbed of the title. A reporter at ringside pushed him back when the rules definitely say a fighter must get back in by himself. The next challenger was Gene Tunney, who defeated Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler with ridiculous ease.

The above fights prove that Jack Dempsey was a vastly overrated fighter.

HARRY STONE, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

A REFEREE'S OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT

I WAS ENRAGED BY THE HOMETOWN DECISION I saw on ESPN, in which Rafael Lopez was given a gift win over Juan Veloz in Rhode Island. Lopez, the home-towner was floored 4 times, including 3 in one round, which should have give Veloz a TKO victory. Alas, the referee, Martin Tabor, "an expert with 36 years of experience," ruled all 4 knockdowns slips.

Nice job, Tabor, but you had better be there to referee all of Lopez's fights. It won't make a difference to me, because I sure as hell won't watch.

STEVE MORROW, JOPLIN, MISSOURI

BASE, AND OFF-BASE

IN REFERNCE TO THE QUESTIONS & answers column in the June issue of THE RING, I felt that Herbert Goldman's answers to the questions concerning Joe Choynski and Ezzard Charles were off base to say the least. They were disrespectful and not in line with what THE RING has always stood for. I'm surprised that you would allow such clumsy attempts to apparent comedy to take place at the memory of such ring greats as Choynski and Charles.

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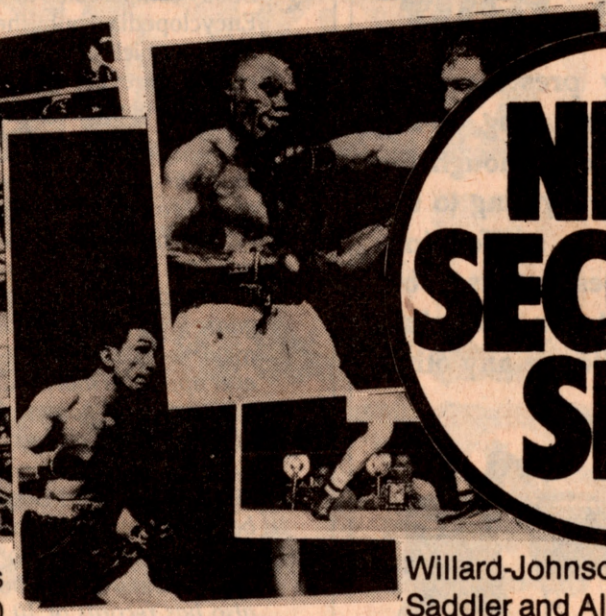

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Q Is the 1983 edition of The Ring Record Book comparable to the Baseball Encyclopedia published by Macmillan, which contains the complete record of every player participant since the game began?

—*CHARLES N. WADE*

A *In the first place, the fourth edition of the Macmillan Baseball Encyclopedia, great book though it is, does* not *give the complete record of "every player participant since the game began." What it* does *give is the* major league *record of every man to ever appear in more than a handful of major league games. That takes in about 11,000 players since professional league ball began in 1871. The 1983* Ring Record Book *contains the bout-by-bout pro records of all current and past world world champions and title claimants—about 500 men. It also has records of 10 fighters of the past who did* not *win world titles. (We give different fighters in this section every year. The 1982* Ring Record Book *had Joey Archer, Steve Belloise, Ruben Carter, Lulu Costantino, Davey Day, Billy Graham, Lloyd Marshall, Lou Nova, Jerry Quarry, and Dave Shade; the 1983 book contains the records of George Benton, Jimmy Bivins, Henry Hank, Hurricane Jackson, Doug Jones, Vince Shomo, Allie Stolz, Victor Vallee, Otto Von Porat, and Spider Webb.) The balance of the book is made up of the records of about 4,000 active fighters, complete data on the previous year's title fights, lists of regional champions, miscellaneous encyclopedic information and compilations, The Ring ratings in December of each year since 1924, and a directory of promoters, matchmakers, managers, and commissions with addresses and phone numbers.*

There have been about 100,000 pro fighters since the start of the gloves era (c.1890). No one book could give all their records. A more realistic goal would be a mammouth All-Time Ring Record Book *listing the records of all world contenders. Such a book would have to include the complete logs of about 2,000 men—the task of a lifetime in research, editing, checking, etc.—but* The Ring *is laying the groundwork for such a tome in the foreseeable future.*

Q Is Morris (Whitey) Bimstein still alive? Have there ever been any books written on him?

—*GARETH W. CULP*

A *Whitey passed on years ago. He was one of boxing's greatest trainers, but no books have appeared on him—or on any other trainer, for that matter.*

Q Where can I buy a copy of reprint of *Boxing* by Edwin L. Haislet, published by the Ronald Press in 1940? What is its price? Is it obtainable at all?

—*GEORGE DE JESUS*

A *Try advertising for it in the "Swap 'n' Sell" column.*

Q Could you please publish a list of the great left handers in boxing—past and present? If possible, include those who switched from southpaw to orthodox, as I believe was the case with Jack Dempsey.

—*A. LIEBERMAN*

A *There's no space for either listing here, but Jack Dempsey was most certainly* not *a converted southpaw. Gerry Cooney was, and there were several other great ones. Some of the outstanding southpaw world champs have been Marvin Hagler, Freddie Miller, Tiger Flowers, Lou Brouillard, Ayub Kalule, Vicente Saldivar, and Jimmy Carruthers.*

Q What is former heavyweight champion George Foreman up to these days? Has he given any thought to a comeback?

—*AL FREILING*

A *George has been both an evangelist and a defendant in an assault case in recent years. No comeback plans have been announced.*

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1983, FORMER GREAT Canadian-born heavyweight Larry Gains died while visiting relatives in Cologne, West Germany. At the time of his death Gains was 83 years old. Born in Toronto, Canada at the turn of the century, Lawrence Samuel Gains' remarkable boxing career covered a span of nearly 20 years during which time he fought throughout the British Isles, Europe and the North American Continent. Gains, who was black, was the Canadian champion from 1927 to 1930, but prejudice against black fighters prevented him from becoming the champion of his adopted Britain, despite the fact that he beat almost every opponent he faced, men like: Ermino Spalla, Max Schmeling—whom he kayoed in two rounds—Bud Gorman, Martin Burke, George Godfrey—whom he beat on a disqualification in 3 rounds for the Coloured Heavyweight Title on August 15, 1928 in Toronto, Canada—Charley Belanger, Roberto Roberti and others. Gains' achievements inside the ring and his exemplary behavior outside were an effective indictment of the so-called "color line," drawn at the time. Because the days' unwritten rules prevented him from qualifying for the then existing titles, the British Empire Title was invented especially for him. On June 13, 1931, Gains kayoed Phil Scott in two rounds in Leicester, England, becoming British Empire Heavyweight Champion. He defended his title successfully against Don McCorkindale and George Cook before losing a controversial verdict to Len Harvey at Royal Albert Hall. In 1932, while still champion, he defeated Primo Carnera in 10 rounds at White City, London. Yet the following year it was Primo, not Gains, who fought for the world title—and won it! . . .

Race also played a role in Gains' failure to challenge for the world title. No black had fought for the heavyweight Championship from 1915, when Jack Johnson lost the title to Jess Willard, to 1937, when Joe Louis won it from Jimmy Braddock, a vestigial legacy of Johnson's "public-be-damned" philosophy. Larry fought successfully till 1939, fighting his last bout on May 17, 1939, losing to Tommy Farr in 5 rounds in Cardiff, Wales. In a career of close to 200 bouts, Larry won all but 15 or so.

Former hard-hitting welterweight Don Williams, out of Akron, Ohio, is now retired after a long work career in Akron's rubber plants. Don has done a lot for local boxing in Akron, and has aided numerous local retired boxers who needed help . . . The 10th annual Jimmy Vejar Golf-Tennis Tournament & Humanitarian Sportsman Awards Dinner was recently held at the Fenway Country Club, Scarsdale, N.Y. on August 8, 1983. (The Tournament is named in the memory of Jimmy Vejar, a victim of cerebral palsy, who was the son of former welterweight contender Chico Vejar.) All proceeds from this event go to the United Cerebral Palsy, Westchester's Jimmy Vejar Day Camp located in Purchase, N.Y. The parents, Caryl and Chico Vejar, are particularly proud of this camp, a magnificent facility located amidst a lovely country setting which is attended by some one-hundred multi-disabled children, enabling them to realize a maximum of benefits as a result of this stimulating outdoors program . . .

In Great Britain, where the veterans boxers' associations are very popular, one of their former heavies, Charlie Smith, is a very active member. Charlie had five fights in the USA, in 1929 and 1930. One of the men he fought here was Paul Cavalier. Smith met Cavalier in his second American fight, on September 12, 1929, in New York City, and dropped a ten-round decision. Smith made his debut in August, 1929, at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., beating KO Billy Duggan. Charlie also beat King Solomon, but was kayoed by Otto von Porat and by Arthur De Kuh in his other American bouts. Smith started his pro career in 1923 and fought for the last time in March, 1939, winning a 12-round decision over Eddie Fritsch, in Windsor, England. Charlie also met men like Tom Heeney, Larry Gains, Salvatore Ruggirello, Jack Petersen, Ben Foord and Pierre Charles. (A salute to Charlie Smith, one of England's unforgotten fistic greats) . . .

The overlooked obit on the death of Henry M. Lenard on January 23, 1983, former great Chicago featherweight of the '20s and '30s, was missed by his many friends and fans throughout the world. He fought pro from 1919 to 1932 and won 132 of 142 bouts. His record first appeared in the 1925 *T.S. Andrews Record Book*. Lenard fought several champions, including Sammy Mandell, Andre Routis and Benny Bass, beating Routis and Bass. Henry also fought Joey Sangor, Pal Moore, Harry Dublinsky, Eddie Shea, Rosey Stoy, Young Montreal and Johnny Hill. After his fighting days, Lenard became an elected state representative and was active in politics for many years.

Received a surprisingly nice letter from former Brooklyn leading lightweight contender of the early '40s Charley Varre, now living in Spokane, Washington for the past few years. Charley is now a member of Ring 72, Northern California V.B.A. and travels all the way from Spokane to San Francisco, where the Ring is located to attend their meetings. Charley fought three ten-round main events in San Francisco in 1941, meeting Ray Lunney, Ritchie Fontaine and Ray Price and while there made many friends, the late Eddie Muller and Jack Downey among them. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends here in the east . . . There has been a lot of hard luck for former Canton, Ohio welterweight, Vince Turpin, now living is Massillon, Ohio. Vince was rated among the leading 147 pounders in the 1940s. Turpin has had a double bypass operation, lost his eyesight and surrendered both his legs to surgery in the last few years. The 59-year-old ex-battler keeps his spirits high by going fishing with friends and listening to the "talking" books presented to sightless people by the Congressional Library. . . . Don Cockell, former British light heavyweight and heavyweight boxing champion, died in a London hospital this past mid-July, a victim of cancer. Born in London in 1928 and a blacksmith by trade, Don was one of Britain's best heavyweights of the post WW II era. Besides beating the best in Europe, Cockell fought Rocky Marciano for the world title in San Francisco on May 10, 1955 and was beaten in nine rounds. It was a defeat that earned him more glory than many of his victories.

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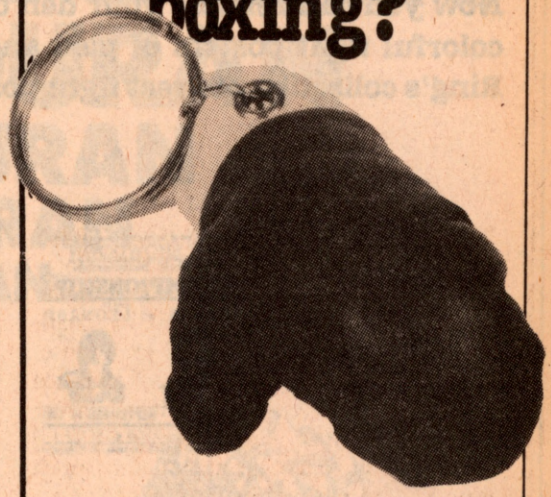

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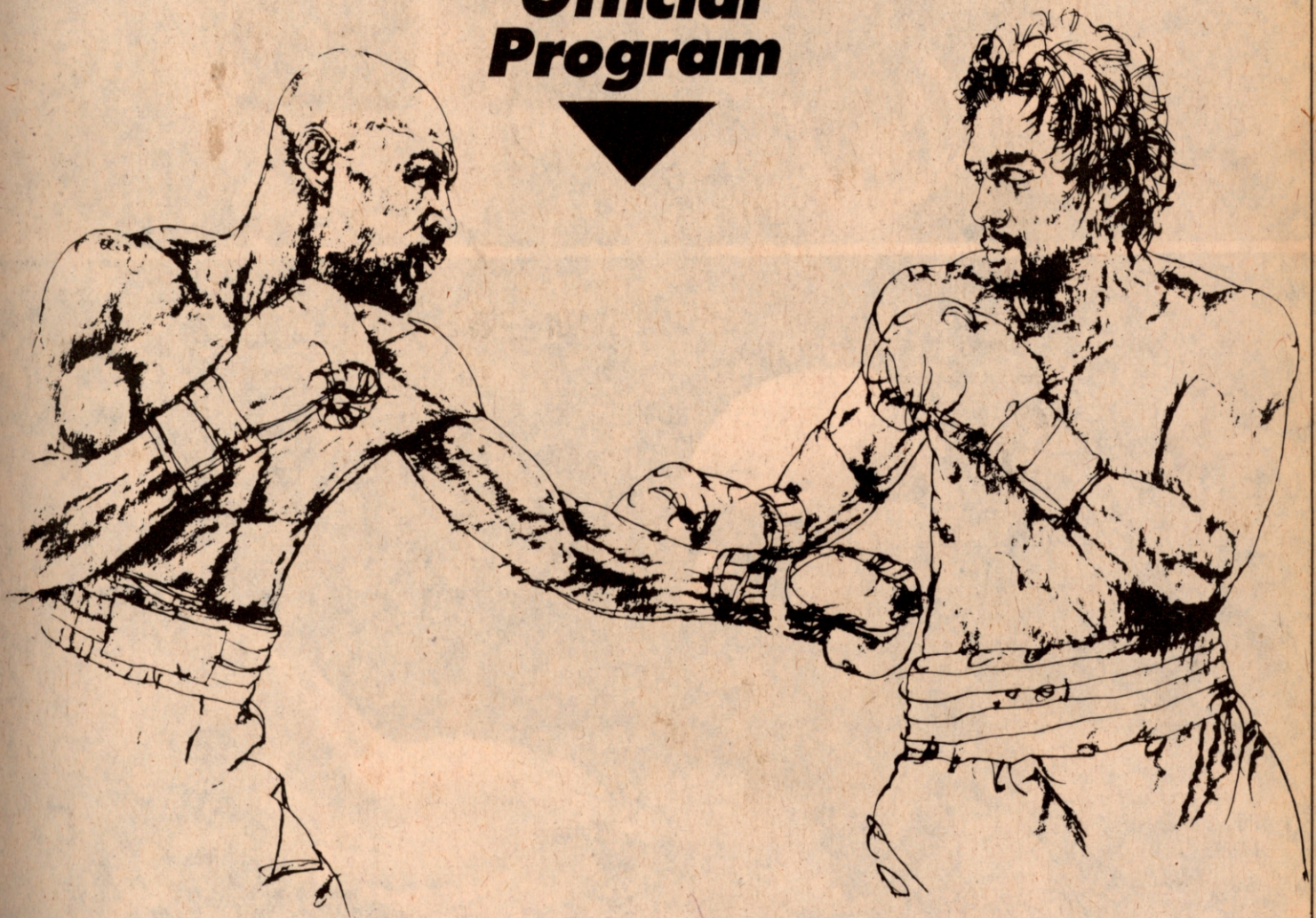

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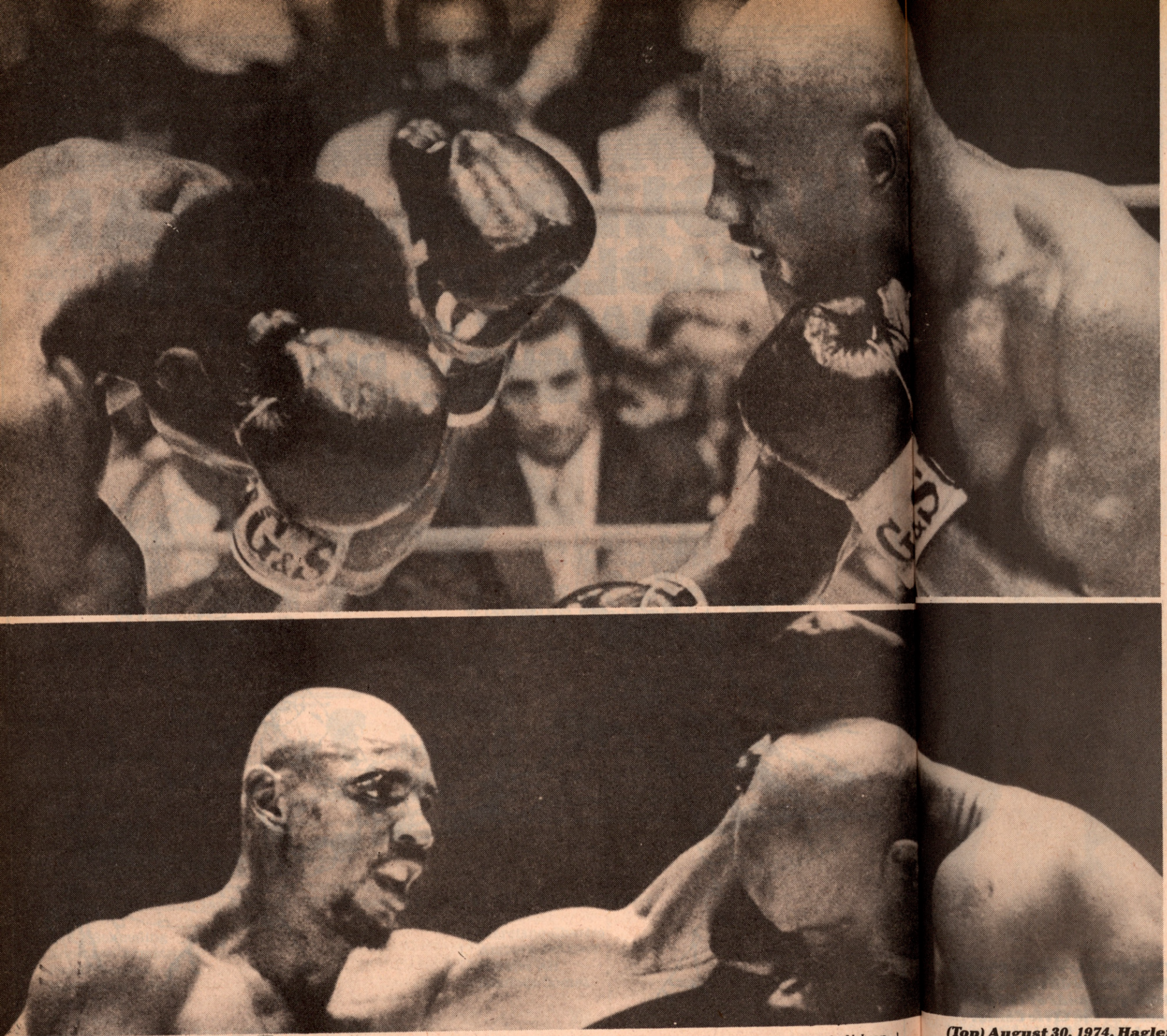

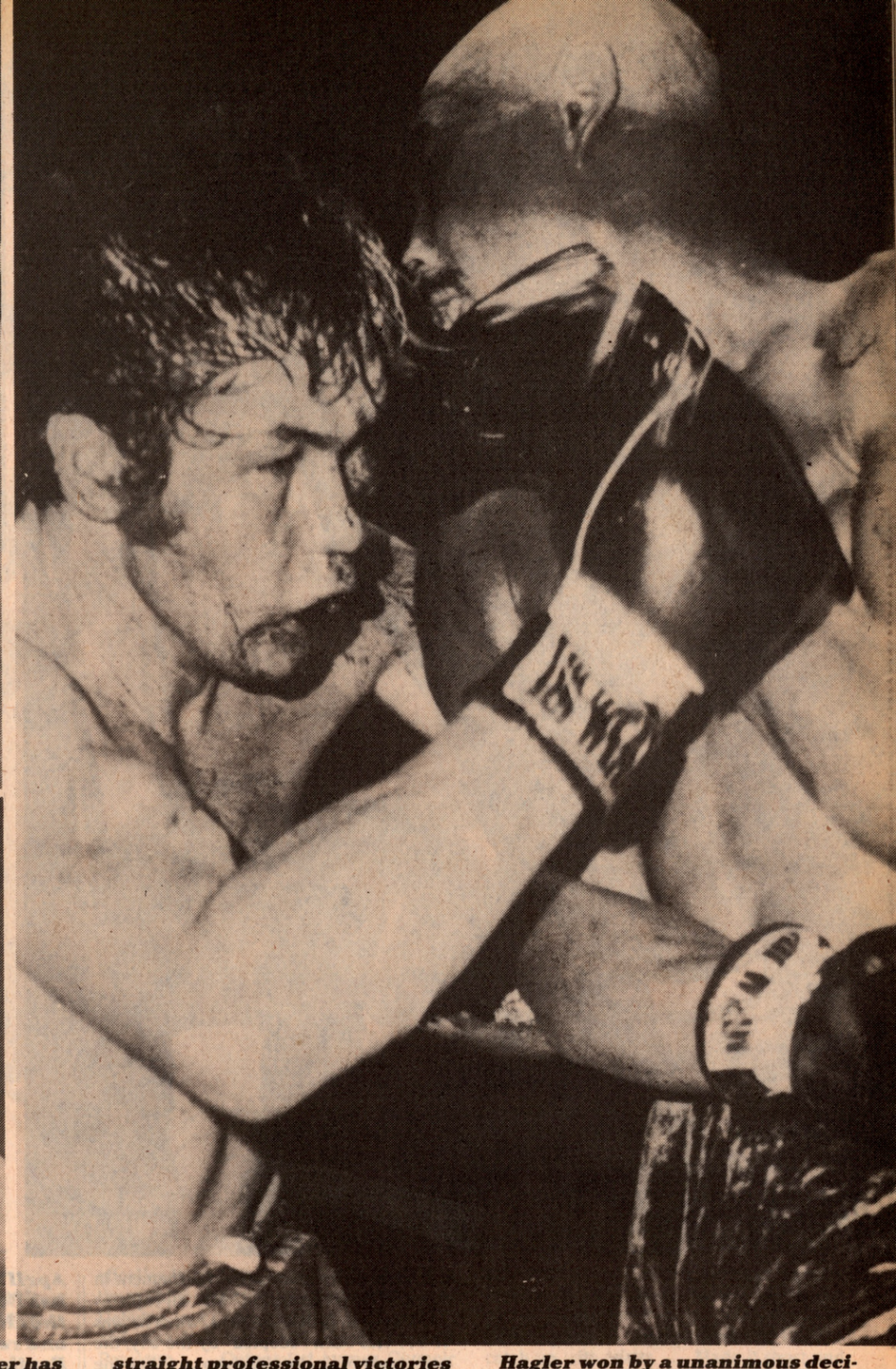

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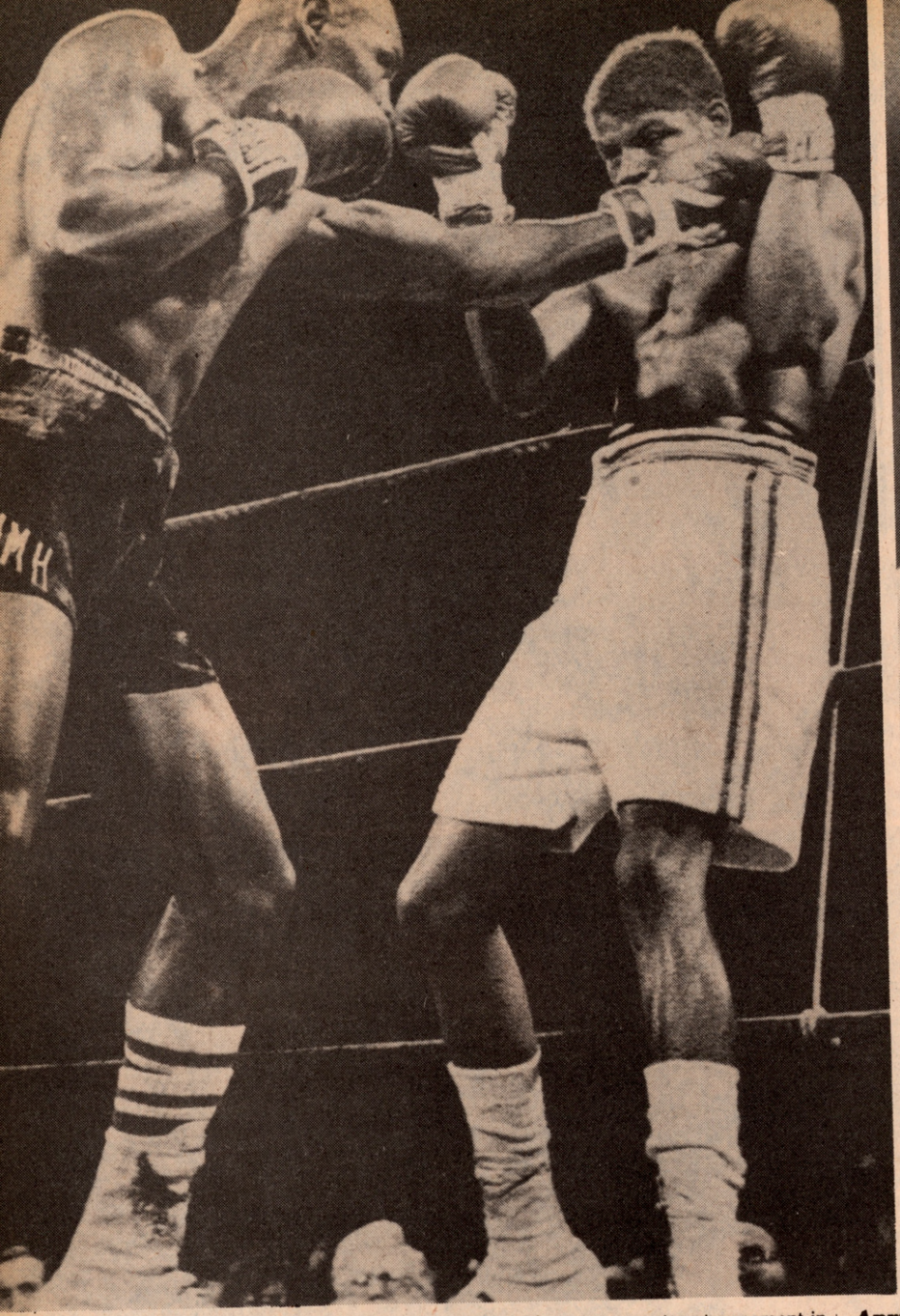
(Top) August 30, 1974. Hagler has former Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Seales covering up en route to a unanimous decision victory in Boston. This bout ended Seales' skein of 21 straight professional victories and brought Hagler's pro log to 18-0. (Above) August 24, 1978. Marvin throws a left at Bennie Briscoe in their 10-round bout at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Hagler won by a unanimous decision to raise his record to 41-2-1. March 4, 1978. The Marvelous Man mixes it up with Britain's Kevin Finnegan in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Garden.



so I could enter an amateur tournament in Newark when I was a kid," Marvin explains ... Moved to Brockton, Mass. when he was 17 ... Has been "adopted" by the city, the hometown of Rocky Marciano ... Won the National AAU middleweight championship in 1973 ... Managed by two Brockton brothers, Goody and Pat Petronelli ... A natural right hander who was taught to box as a southpaw ... One of the very few fighters who can successfully switch stances during a fight ... Switches gracefully and effortlessly and has been known to do it in the middle of throwing a combination ... Debuted as a professional on May 18, 1973 and knocked out Terry Ryan in 2 in Brockton ... Outpointed former Olympic gold medalist Sugar Ray Seales 15 months later in Boston, in Marvin's 15th pro fight ... Perfect record was spoiled when Seales drew with him in November rematch in Seattle ... Lost disputed decisions to Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts and Willie "The Worm" Monroe in Philadelphia in 1976 ... Has not lost since ... Got his revenge against Monroe in 1977, knocking the Worm out twice, first in Boston and then in Philadelphia ... Had to wait 'till 1980 to catch up with Watts ... Made it short and sweet, knocking Bobby out in 2 in Portland ... Established himself as the game's top middleweight in the late 1970s, but was continuously thwarted in his attempts to gain a crack at the world title ... Finally got his chance against Vito Antuofermo on November 30, 1979, in Las Vegas, but did

April 20, 1980 Marvelous Marvin has Bobby Watts on the ropes in the closing seconds of the second round at the Civic Center in Portland Maine. Hagler stopped Watts a few moments later, avenging an early points loss and clinching another crack at the world middleweight title. Only Watts and Willie Monroe have defeated Hagler. Both were knocked out in return bouts.

November 30, 1979. Vito Antuofermo and Hagler in their grueling 15-rounder at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Antuofermo, in what was probably his greatest fight, retained his world middleweight title on a draw. Scoring: Dalby Shirley, 144-142, Antuofermo; Hal Miller, 143-143; Duane Ford, 145-141, Hagler. No knockdowns were scored in this hard fought battle.

October 31, 1982. Fulgencio Obelmejias goes down and out in 2:35 of the fifth round at the Teatro Ariston in San Remo, Italy. Mexican referee Ernesto Magana moves it to begin the count. This was Hagler's second victory over Fully; he had stopped the Venezuelan in the eighth session in Boston on January 17, 1981.

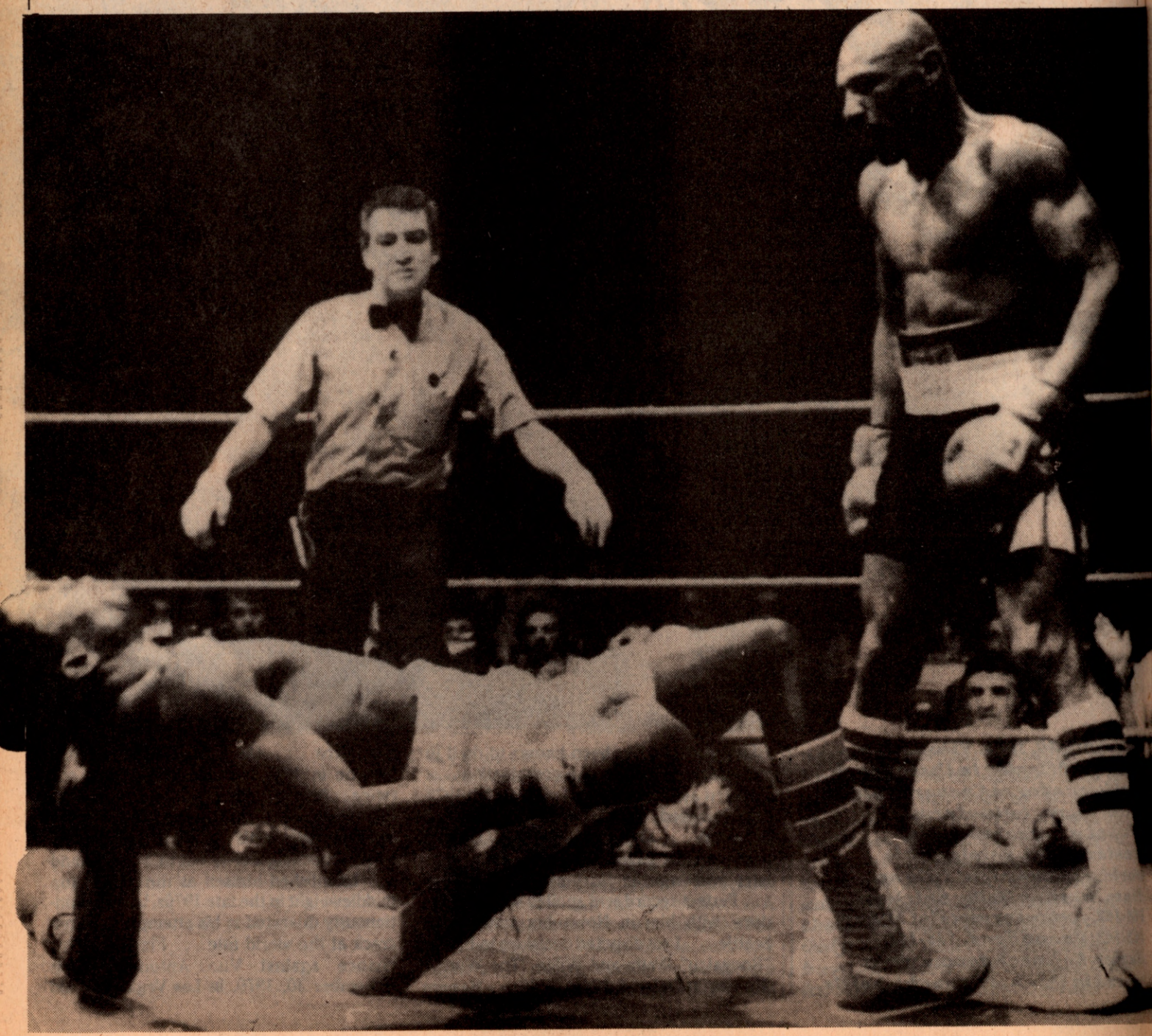
February 11, 1983. Marvin looks fierce as he throws a right hook at Leicester, England's Tony Sibson at the Centrum in Worcester, Mass. Hagler landed punch after punch before Carlos Padilla signalled the end of hostilities at 2:40 of round six.

not make the best of it . . . Ahead most of the way, Hagler allowed Vito to finish strong and narrowly hold onto his title on a draw . . . Came back more determined than ever, and captured the title on a 3rd-round stoppage of Alan Minter, September 27, 1980 in London . . . Minter had taken the title from Antuofermo . . . The Hagler-Minter encounter is remembered more for what went on after the fight was halted than for the scheduled action . . . Hagler busted up Minter early, and the bloodied Minter was ineffectual before the fight was halted . . . What followed was a bottle throwing riot, instigated by some drunken Wembly fans . . . Luckily, Hagler escaped the ring in one piece . . . Has defended title seven times, knocking out all six challengers . . . Fulgencio Obelmejias lives on in trivia as the fighter whom Hagler knocked out twice in title fights . . . Mustafa Hamsho was one of those stopped, but if he keeps on winning, he too could get another shot at Marvin . . . Potential multi-million dollar paydays, against Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns both fell through . . . Leonard toyed with the idea of challenging Hagler, but retired after suffering a detached retina . . . Hearns postponed a scheduled Hagler encounter because of injured finger . . . Looking better and better with every fight, has easily disposed of challengers Tony Sibson and Wilford Scypion in 1983 . . . 4th-round stoppage of Scypion brought the champion's overall record to 57-2-2, (48 knockouts.)

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER

1973

May	18—Terry Ryan, Brockton	KO	2
July	25—Sonny Williams, Boston	W	6
Aug.	8—Muhammad Smith, Boston	KO	2



Oct.	6—Don Wigfall, Brockton	W	8
Oct.	26—Cove Green, Brockton	KO	4
Nov.	18—Cocoa Kid, Brockton	KO	2
Dec.	7—Manny Freitas, Portland, ME	KO	1
Dec.	18—James Redford, Boston	KO	4

1974

Feb.	5—Bob Harrington, Boston	KO	5
Apr.	5—Tracy Morrison, Boston	KO	8
May	14—James Redford, Brockton	KO	2
May	30—Curtis Phillips, Portland, ME	KO	5
July	16—Robert Williams, Boston	KO	3
Aug.	13—Peachy Davis, New Bedford	KO	1
Aug.	30—Ray Seales, Boston	W	10
Oct.	29—Morris Jordan, New Bedford	KO	4
Nov.	16—George Green, Brockton	KO	1
Nov.	26—Ray Seales, Seattle	D	10
Dec.	20—D.C. Walker, Boston	KO	2

1975

Feb.	15—Don Wigfall, Brockton	KO	5
Mar.	31—Joey Blair, Boston	KO	2
Apr.	14—Jimmy Owens, Boston	W	10
May	24—Jimmy Owens, Brockton	W dis.	6
Aug.	7—Jesse Bender, Portland, ME	KO	1
Sept.	30—Lamont Lovelady, Boston	KO	7
Dec.	20—Johnny Baldwin, Boston	W	10

1976

Jan.	13—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia	L	10
Feb.	7—Matt Donovan, Boston	KO	2
Mar.	9—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	L	10
June	2—Bob Smith, Taunton	KO	5
Aug.	3—D.C. Walker, Providence	KO	6
Sept.	14—Eugene Hart, Philadelphia	KO	8
Dec.	21—George Davis, Boston	KO	6

1977

Feb.	15—Willie Monroe, Boston	KO	12
Mar.	16—Reginald Ford, Boston	KO	3
June	10—Roy Jones, Hartford	KO	3
Aug.	23—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	KO	2
Sept.	24—Ray Phillips, Boston	KO	7
Oct.	15—Jim Henry, Providence	W	10
Nov.	26—Mike Colbert, Boston	KO	12

1978

Mar.	4—Kevin Finnegan, Boston	KO	9
Apr.	7—Doug Demmings, Los Angeles (US Middleweight Title)	KO	8
May	13—Kevin Finnegan, Boston	KO	7
Aug.	24—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia (US Middleweight Title)	W	10
Nov.	11—Willie Warren, Boston	KO	7

1979

Feb.	2—Ray Seales, Boston	KO	1
Mar.	12—Bob Patterson, Providence	KO	3
May	25—Jamie Thomas, Portland, ME	KO	3
June	30—Norberto Cabrera, Monte Carlo	KO	8
Nov.	30—Vito Antuofermo, Las Vegas (For World Middleweight Title)	D	15

1980

Feb.	16—Loucif Hamani, Portland, ME	KO	2
Apr.	20—Bobby Watts, Portland, ME	KO	2
May	17—Marcos Geraldo, Las Vegas	W	10
Sept.	27—Alan Minter, London (Won World Middleweight Title)	KO	3

1981

Jan.	17—Fulgencio Obelmejias, Boston (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	8
June	13—Vito Antuofermo, Boston (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	5
Oct.	3—Mustafa Hamsho, Rosemont, IL (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	11

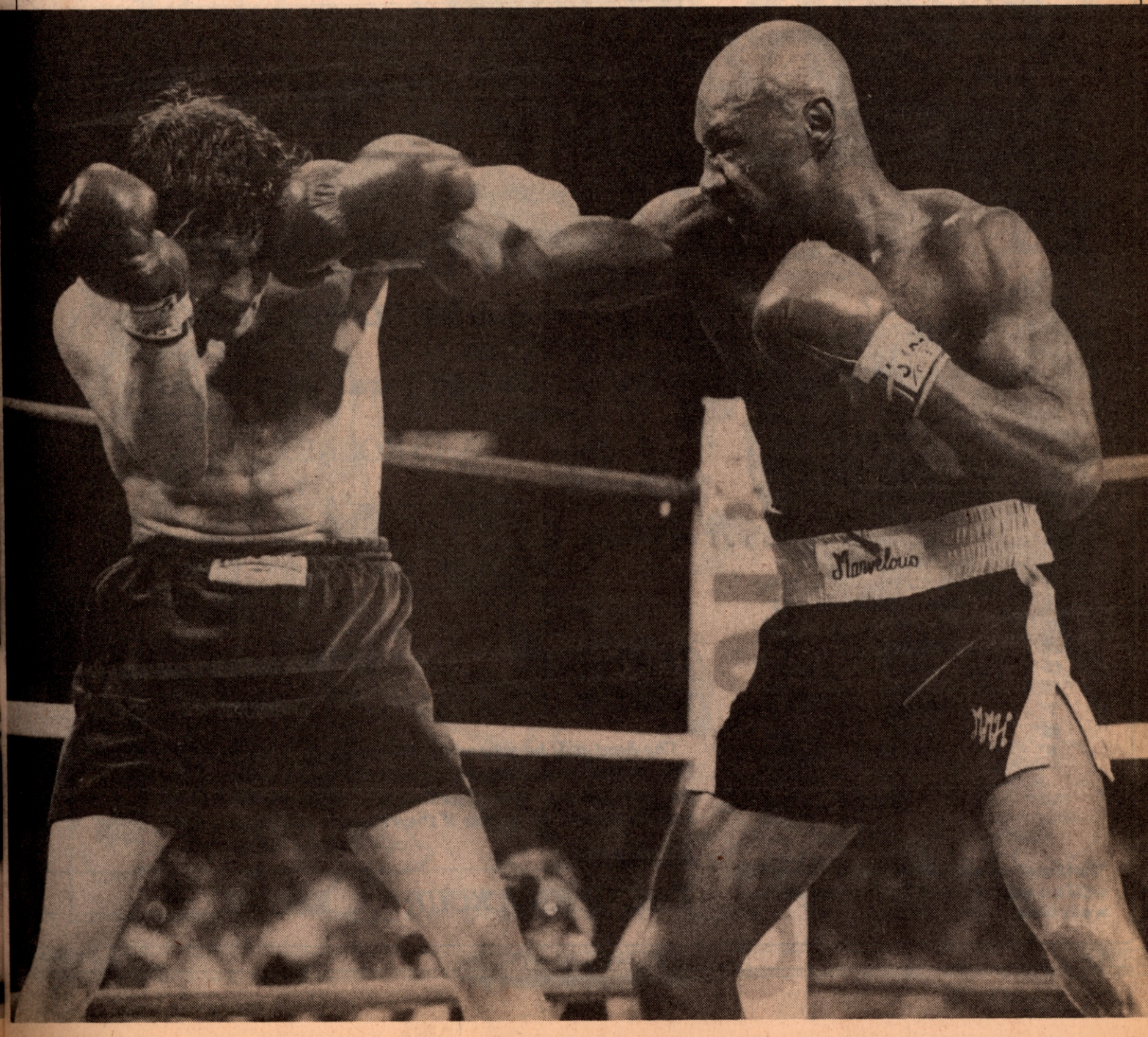
1982

Mar.	7—Caveman Lee, Atlantic City (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	1
Oct.	31—Fulgencio Obelmejias, San Remo (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	5

1983

Feb.	11—Tony Sibson, Worcester (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	6
May	27—Wilford Scypion, Providence (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	4

Career Record	Total Bouts	Won	(KO)	Lost	Draw
	61	57	(48)	2	2



MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER vs. ROBERTO DURAN

FIFTEEN ROUNDS

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada
Thursday, November 10, 1983

TALE OF THE TAPE
UNDISPUTED WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER		ROBERTO DURAN
MAY 23, 1954	BIRTHDATE	JUNE 16, 1951
NEWARK, N.J.	BIRTHPLACE	GUARARE, PANAMA
29	AGE	32
160*	WEIGHT	156*
5′ 9½″	HEIGHT	5′ 7½″
75″	REACH	67″
40″	CHEST (NORMAL)	38″
42″	CHEST (EXPANDED)	39½″
15″	BICEPS	12½″
12″	FOREARM	13″
30″	WAIST	32″
22″	THIGH	20½″
15″	CALF	12½″
16″	NECK	16″
7″	WRIST	6¼″
12″	FIST	10½″
9″	ANKLE	9½″

***Estimated weights—Exact weights will be announced following offical weigh-in.**

	HAGLER	DURAN
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TOTAL		

SCORECARD

WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER *(Champion)* **vs.** ROBERTO DURAN *(Challenger)*

15 ROUNDS

REFEREE: _____

JUDGES: _____

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TIMEKEEPER: _____

WEIGHTS: HAGLER _____ DURAN _____

The bout will be scored by three judges. Scoring will be done on the 10-point must system—the winner of the round to receive 10 points and the loser nine or less, depending on the closeness of the round. Both boxers receive 10 points if the round is adjudged even.

RESULT: _____

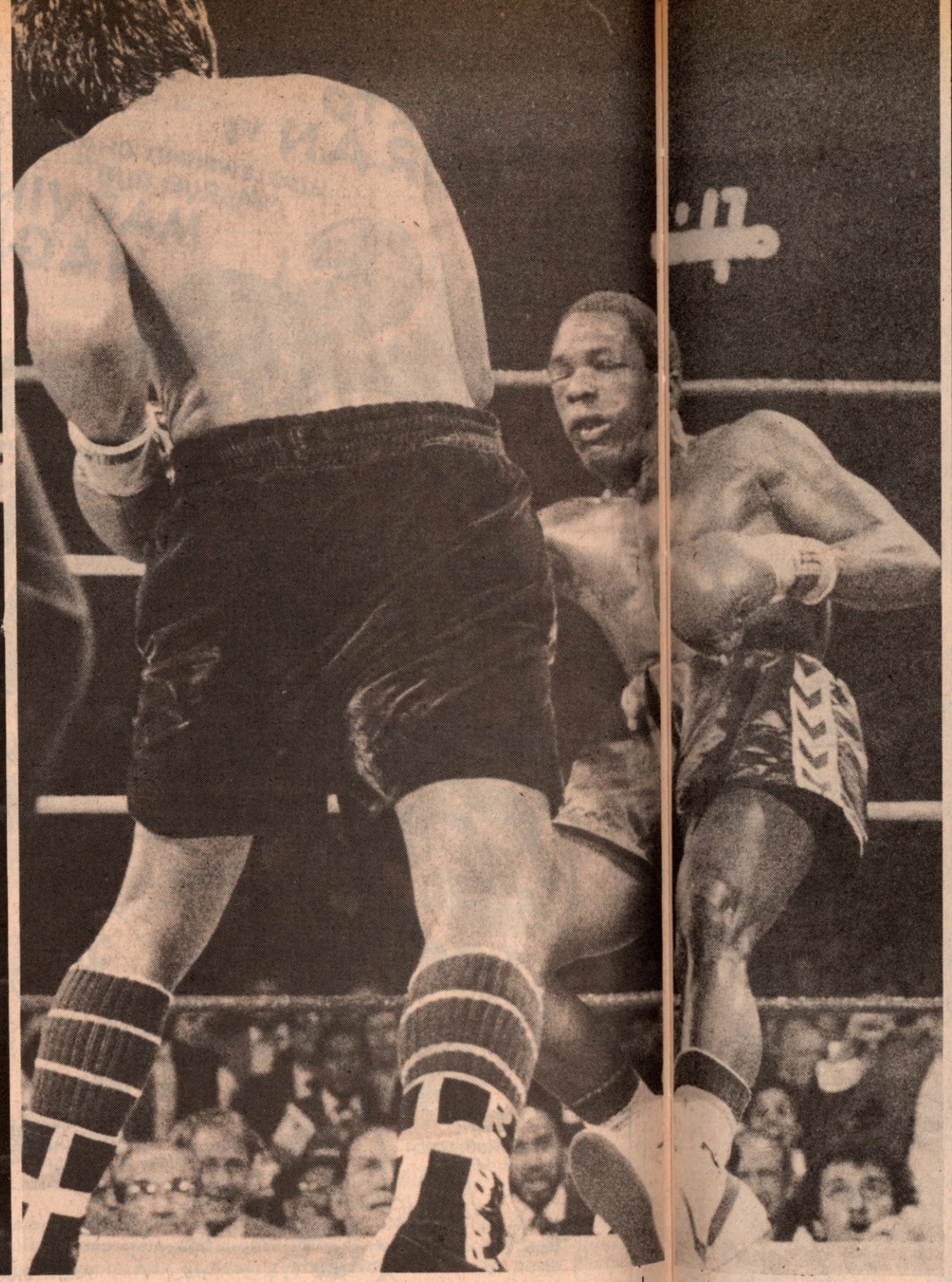
TIME OF KNOCKOUT: _____

CHALLENGER
ROBERTO DURAN VS
MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMP
"MARVELOUS" MARVIN HAGLER
DURAN'S 76-4 (57 KOS) AND HAGLER'S 57-2-2 (48 KOS) RECORDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES!
GREATNESS!
RING RECORD BOOK
BOXING
Marvelous
AT LONG LAST, MARVIN'S GETTING A "FIRST"!
...REALLY-BIG PAY-DAY, THAT IS!
$
...AND SPEAKING OF "FIRSTS", SHOULD ROBERTO WIN THE 160-LB. TITLE...
MIDDLEWEIGHT?
W.B.A. JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT
W.B.C. WELTERWEIGHT
LIGHTWEIGHT
...I'D BE THE FIRST EVER TO WEAR FOUR!
THERE IS LITTLE TO SEPARATE THESE COMPLETE FIGHTERS — EXCEPT THAT HAGLER HAS A SIZE ADVANTAGE.
WE KNOW WHAT A GOOD BIG MAN WILL DO TO A GOOD LITTLE MAN...
EXPERTS
...AN' WE KNEW A WHILE BACK THAT DURAN WAS WASHED UP!
A STRONG FINISH WILL EARN THE MARVELOUS ONE A DECISION! CHARLIE McGILL ~ THE RING

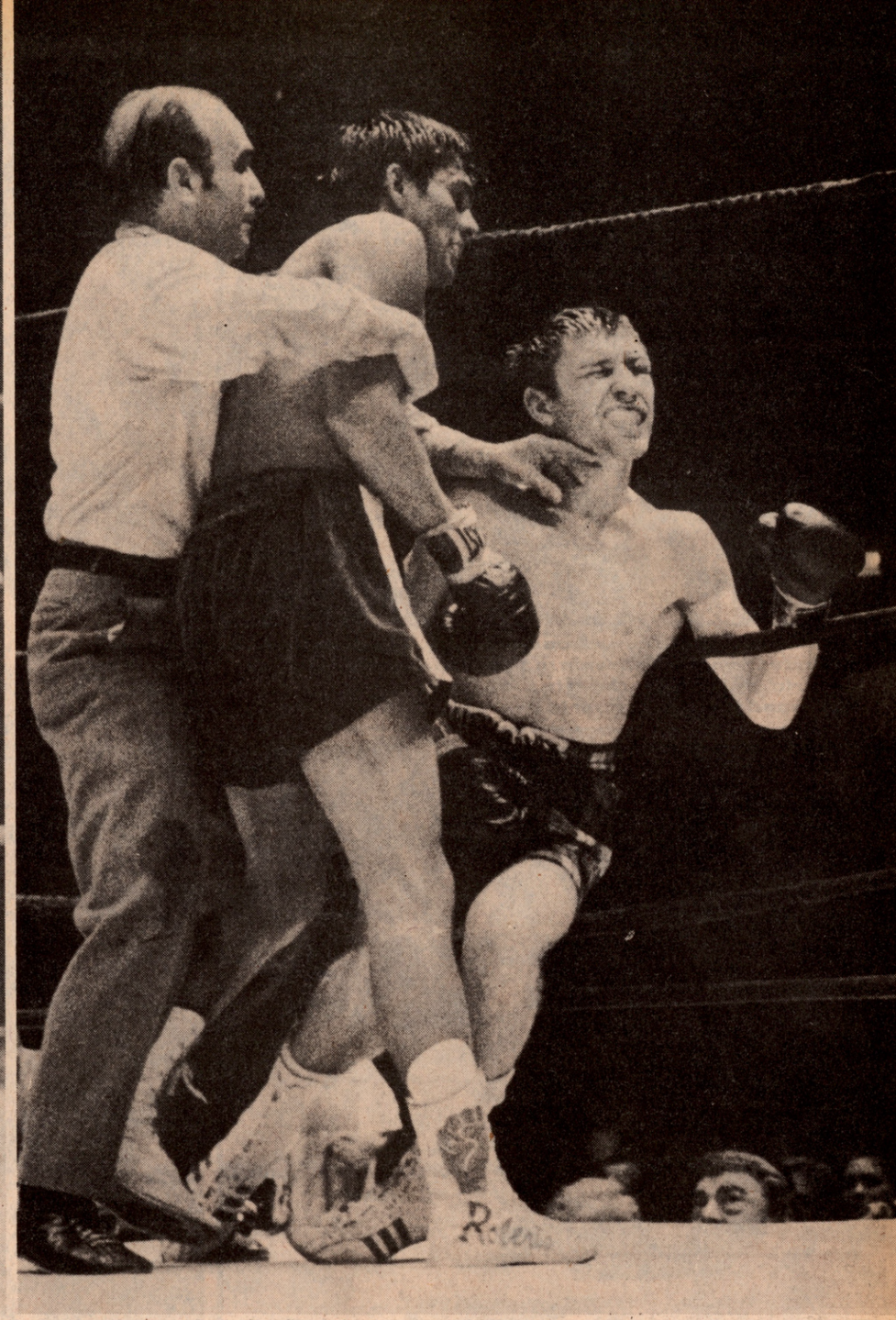
June 26, 1972. Ken Buchanan takes it on the chin from Duran in Madison Square Garden. The Scotsman was forced to retire after 13 rounds, making Duran the new world lightweight king in his second U.S. fight.

June 16, 1983. A beaten Davey Moore goes down into the ropes in MSG.

ROBERTO DURAN



Another view of the Buchanan fight. Referee John LoBianco pulls Duran away as Ken grimaces with pain at the end of the 13th round. Buchanan had been hit low, and was unable to continue. Duran, leading on all scorecards, was declared the winner on a TKO.



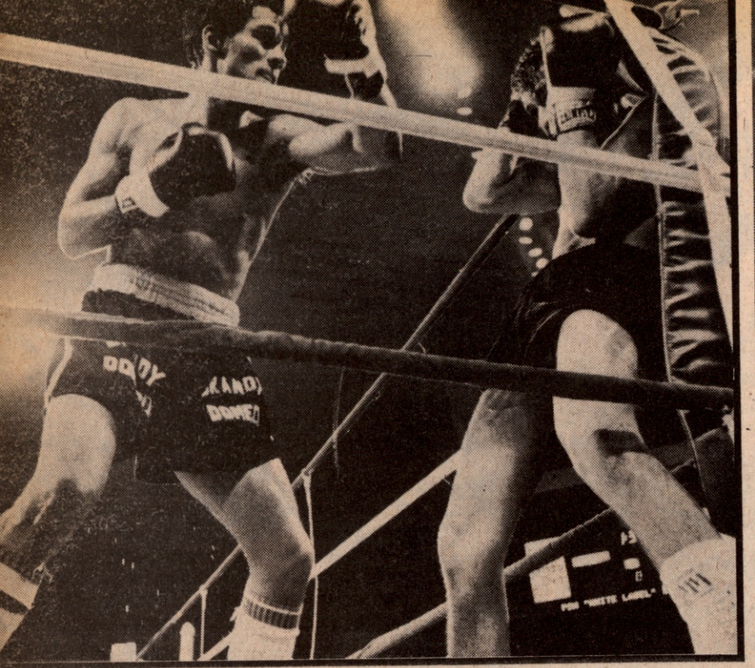
BY JOSE CHEGUI TORRES

LIKE MOST BOXING CHAMPIONS, ROBERTO Duran is not an easy man to figure out. Those years when he monopolized the top of the lightweight division and had every pugilistic ingredient in fighting order, people in the fight racket "just knew" what to expect from him. But since placing the expression of "No Mas" in the world's dictionary of boxing in 1980, "Manos de Piedra," or hands of stone, is not that predictable. To the contrary, he has become the most intriguing figure in the ring today. Disposing of champion Davey Moore earlier this year with incredible ease to become only the third Hispanic to win championships in three different divisions, only made things worse. Today's Duran is like the weather: hot some days, cold others . . .

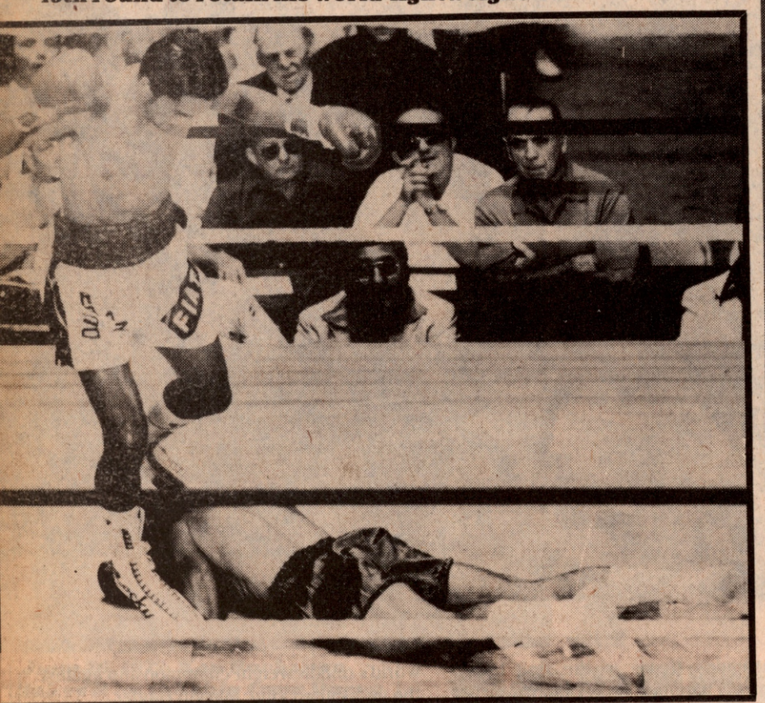
Nevertheless, Roberto Duran is in the limelight once again. He is fighting for the world's middleweight championship against the undisputed king, Marvin Hagler.

However, the same is not expected from those who follow the game closely, or from the legal and illegal gamblers of the boxing world. For these "experts" Hagler is a heavy favorite.

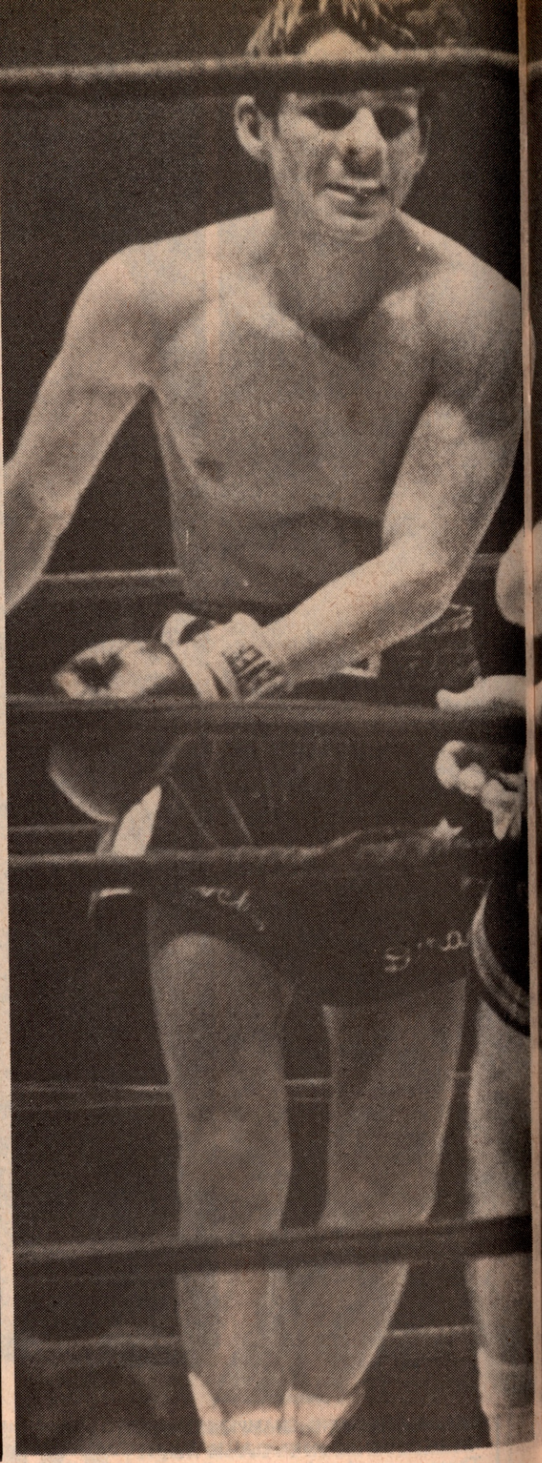
Hispanics, meanwhile, ask me not whom I think is going to win the Hagler-Duran upcoming debacle, but what should "Manos de Piedra" do in order to get rid of Hagler and



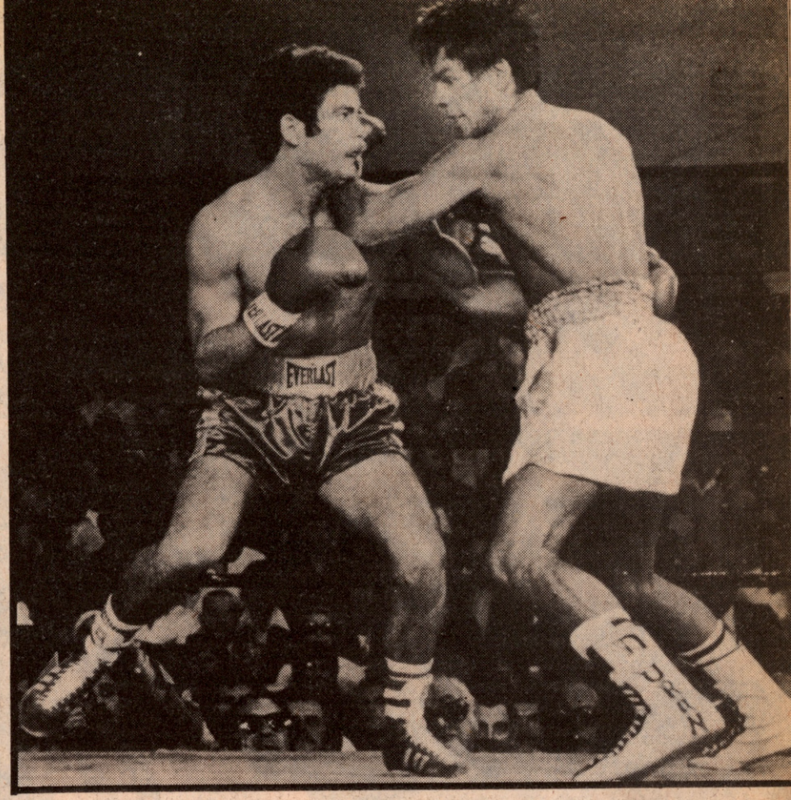
December 14, 1975. Duran hammers away at Leoncio Ortiz at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Roberto scored a knockout in 2:39 of the 15th round to retain his world lightweight title.



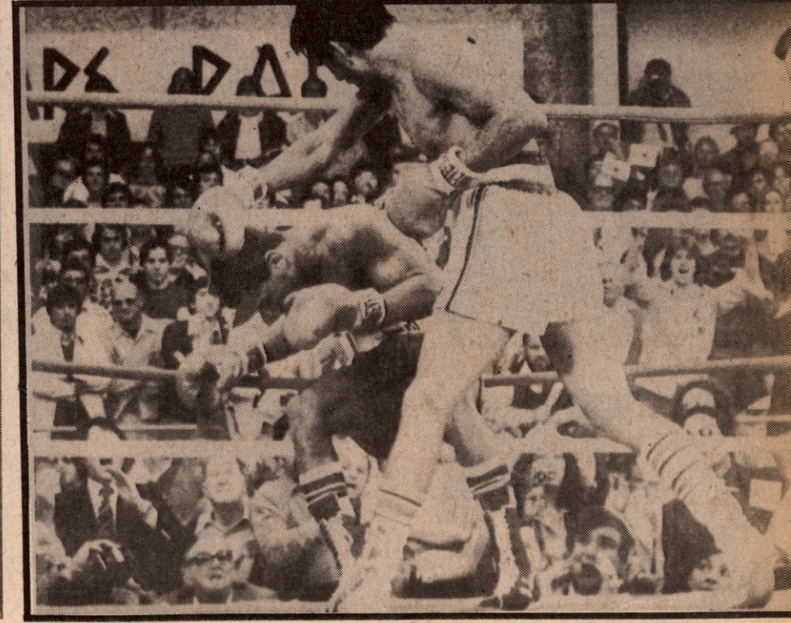
October 15, 1976. Alvaro Rojas settles into in 2:17 of dreamland the first round at the Sportatorium in Hollywood, Florida. This was Duran's ninth world lightweight crown defense.



January 29, 1977. Vilomar Fernandez shows some shifty defense in his title fight Roberto finally kayoed him in 2:10 of round 13.



January 21, 1978. Esteban DeJesus goes down and out in 2:32 of the 12th round at Caesars Palace. The WBC did not recognize Duran as the champ until after this bout. DeJesus had outpointed Duran in a 10-round fight in Madison Square Garden in 1972 and been kayoed in a Panama City title tilt with Roberto on March 16, 1974.

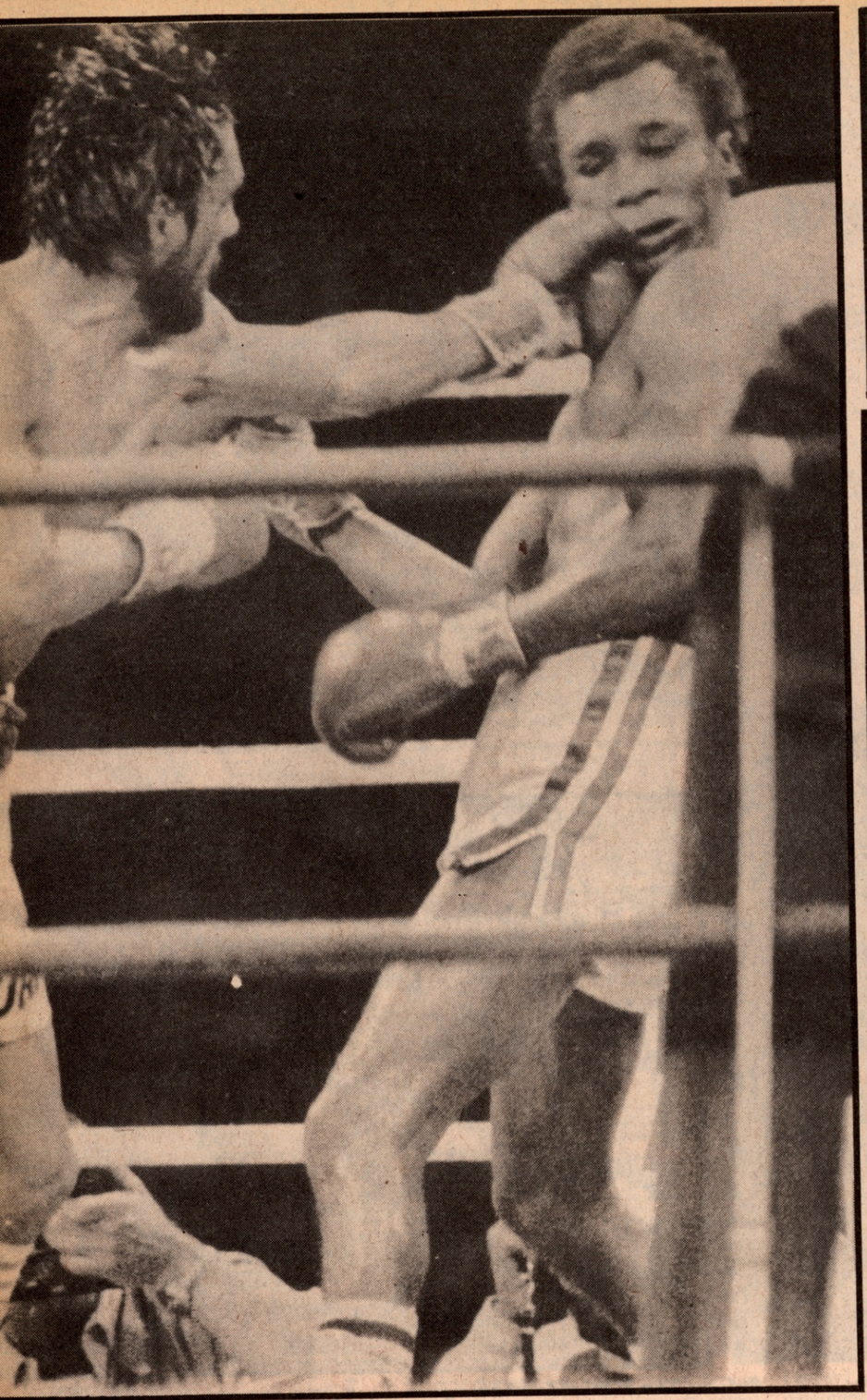


become the greatest pug in recent boxing history. And my answer is always the same:

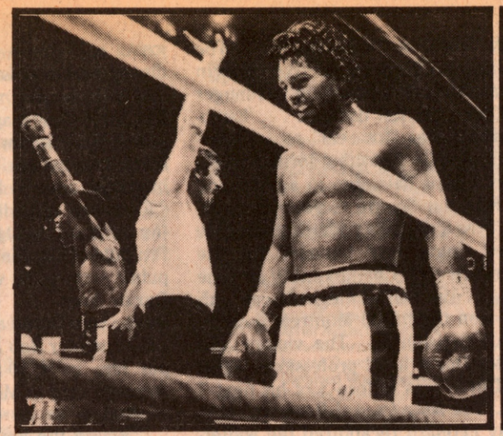
Duran must bring himself back ten years. He cannot expect to hit Hagler and then step back, expecting to see the champion fall or be intimidated. Duran must have the consistency he exhibited when he outsmarted and outfought Sugar Ray Leonard in Montreal four years ago. The determination, will and "smarts" that he demonstrated in that particular match was mind-boggling. Against Moore, Duran showed part of these qualities and only in very few spots. I'm still convinced that the inexperienced Moore invited those hidden ingredients to surface.

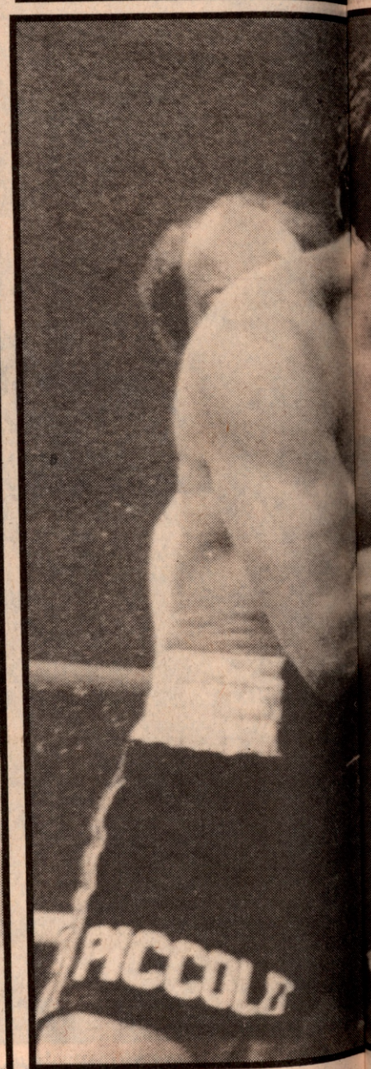
If Duran once and for all is able to overcome the natural maladies which afflict champions who lose interest in the profession they practice, then he could score the biggest upset in boxing's history.

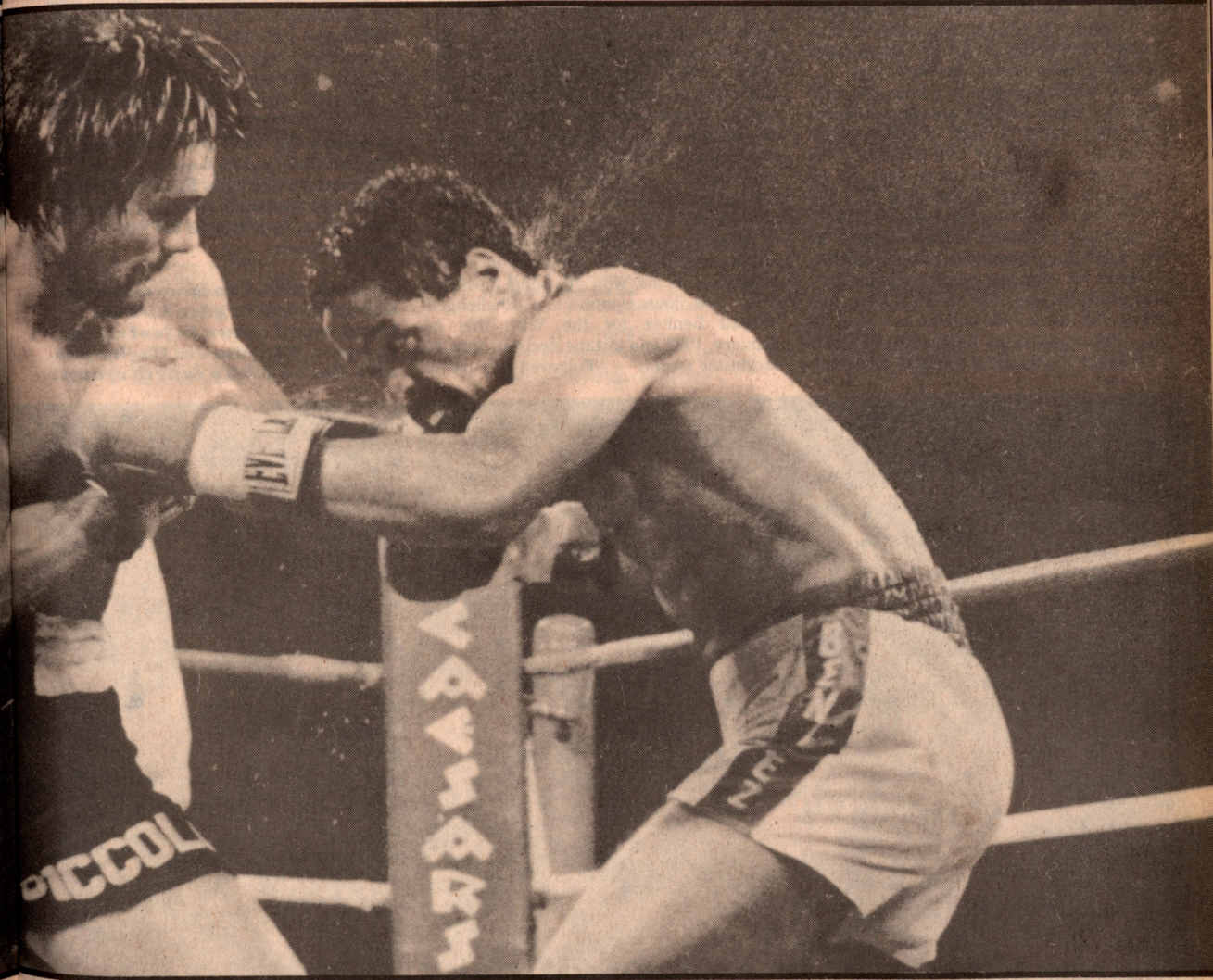
And there is only one fighter capable of doing this: Roberto "Manos de Piedra" Duran!



June 20, 1980. Duran lands a solid left hook to Sugar Ray Leonard's jaw in the second round of their first fight, held in Montreal's Olympic Stadium







(Top, left) November 25, 1980. Roberto backs away from Leonard's right in their return bout at the Superdome in New Orleans. (Top, center) Referee Octavio Meyran signals that the fight is over. Duran said "no mas" at 2:44 of the eighth round. (Top, right) August 9, 1981. Roberto and Nino Gonzalez in their 10-round bout in Cleveland. Duran won by a unanimous decision, but looked sluggish. (Above) January 30, 1982. WBC junior middleweight champion Wilfred Benitez fends off Duran at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Benitez won a unanimous decision to retain his title.

ACCLAIMED AS ONE OF THE TOP three fighters of the 1970's along with Muhammad Ali and Carlos Monzon . . . Has taken a roller coaster from the pinnacle to rock-bottom and back up to the top in the '80s . . . Will now attempt to cap off his amazing career by achieving the heretofore impossible: capturing a world title in four different divisions . . . Born in Guarare, Panama, on the outskirts of Panama City, June 16, 1951 . . . Had his first fights while a shoeshine boy protecting "his corner" in the capital city. Still maintains that his toughest fight was not in the ring, but in a Panama City street, a brawl that lasted 90 minutes . . . Turned pro at 15, winning a four-round featherweight bout over Carlos Mendoza in 1971 . . . Scored knockouts in his next eight fights . . . Was 21 years old and undefeated in 27 bouts (23 by knockout) when he challenged Ken Buchanan for the World Lightweight Championship in New York . . . Duran dominated the the June 26, 1972 Madison Square Garden bout from the first bell but ended it with a controversial knockout punch in the 13th round . . . The blow appeared to be below the belt and left Buchanan writhing on the floor . . . Suffered his first defeat on November 17, 1972. Dropped by a left hook in the first round, he lost a non-title, 10-round decision to Esteban DeJesus in Madison Square Garden . . . Knocked DeJesus out in two later title fights, the first in 1974 and the second in '78 . . . Relinquished the lightweight crown in 1979 after 12 successful defenses, all but one of which were by knockout . . . The backpedalling, fight-to-survive Edwin Viruet was the only lightweight challenger to take Duran the full distance . . . Established that he was "for real" as a welterweight by soundly thrashing former world champion, Carlos Palomino in a ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden in June, 1979 . . . Was a decided underdog when he challenged Sugar Ray Leonard for the World Welterweight Championship on June 20, 1980 . . . But Duran fought Sugar with Fire and won the brutal Montreal bout by unanimous decision . . . The victory was the 71st for Duran in 72 professional fights . . . But Duran was to lose 3 of his next 5 fights . . . The *Ring Record Book* says that Sugar Ray Leonard recaptured the welterweight title from Duran by an 8th-round knockout on November 25, 1980 . . . But *The Record Book* doesn't begin to tell the story . . . With Leonard outboxing him and beginning to tease him ("acting like a clown," Duran later said) Duran threw up his hands late in the 8th round and uttered the infamous words, "No mas, no mas, no more box" . . . The rash act, which Duran blamed on stomach cramps, disgraced him all over the world, particularly back home in Panama . . . Returned to the ring in 1981 as a junior middleweight, but looked fat and uninspired as he won 10-round decisions over two journeymen . . . Challenged Wilfred Benitez for the WBC title in January, 1982 and lost the decision after 15 lackluster rounds . . . Followed that up by losing a 10-round decision to the very ordinary Kirkland Laing in Detroit . . . The loss to Laing seemed to be the end of the line for Roberto as newsmen everywhere wrote his "obituary" . . . Manager Carlos Eleta, who had brought him up from boyhood, advised him to quit and left him ("Eleta had ripped me off on money from the Leonard fights," Duran charges.) . . . Promoter Don King announced that, as a public service, he would not stage another Duran bout . . . Old friend Luis Spada stayed with Duran and began managing him . . . Promoter Bob Arum took a chance and put him in a 10-rounder on the Pryor-Arguello card in Miami . . . Looked fat and washed-up as he defeated Jimmy Batten . . . Found the Fountain of Youth as 1983 got underway . . . Worked off the fat and, looking like the Duran of old, knocked out former WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas in 4 in Los Angeles on January 29 . . . Was still considered a has-been when he challenged Davey Moore for the WBA junior middleweight crown on June 16 . . . With a frightening display of power and aggressiveness, thoroughly destroyed Moore before the bleeding, battered champion was saved from further punishment in the 8th round . . . The win made Duran the eighth fighter to accomplish the feat of winning world titles in three divisions . . . Win over Moore brought his record to 76 (57 knockouts) and 4.

January 29, 1983. Roberto and Pipino Cuevas in battle of ex-champs at the L.A. Sports Arena. Roberto showed some of his old-time fire, halting in 0:36 of round four.

June 16, 1983. The Moore bout. Duran's victory gave him his third world crown in just under 11 years. Will Marvin Hagler provide Duran with a fourth crown?

ROBERTO DURAN

1967

Mar.	8—Carlos Mendoza, Colon	W	4
Apr.	4—Manuel Jiminez, Colon	KO	1
May	14—Juan Gondola, Colon	KO	1
May	30—Eduardo Morales, Panama City	KO	1
Aug.	10—Enrique Jacobo, Panama City	KO	1

1968

Jan.	12—Uche De Leon, Panama City	KO	2
Feb.	8—Leroy Cargill, Panama City	KO	2
Mar.	16—Cafe Howard, Panama City	KO	1
Apr.	2—Alberto Brands, Panama City	KO	4
Sept.	4—Eduardo Fruto, Panama City	W	8

1969

Mar.	12—Jacinto Garcia, Panama City	KO	5
May	3—Adolfo Osses, Panama City	KO	7
July	16—Serafin Garcia, Panama City	KO	5
Aug.	15—Luis Patino, Panama City	KO	7

1970

Apr.	5—Felipe Torres, Mexico City	W	10
May	16—Ernesto Marcel, Panama City	KO	10
July	10—Clemente Mucino, Colon	KO	6
Sept.	5—Marvin Castanedas, Puerto Armuelles	KO	1

1971

Jan.	10—Nacho Castanedas, Panama City	KO	4
Mar.	5—Jose Angel Herrera, Mexico City	KO	6
Apr.	4—Jose Acosta, Panama City	KO	1
May	29—Lloyd Marshall, Panama City	KO	6
July	18—Fermin Soto, Monterrey	KO	3
Sept.	13—Benny Huertas, New York	KO	1
Oct.	1—Hiroshi Kobayashi, Panama City	KO	7

1972

Jan.	15—Angel Robinson Garcia, Panama City	W	10
Mar.	10—Francisco Muniz, Panama City	KO	1
June	26—Ken Buchanan, New York (Won World Lightweight Title)	KO	13
Sept.	2—Greg Potter, Panama City	KO	1
Oct.	29—Lupe Ramirez, Panama City	KO	1
Nov.	17—Esteban DeJesus, New York	L	10

1973

Jan.	20—Jimmy Robertson, Panama City (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	5
Feb.	23—Juan Medina, Los Angeles	KO	7
Mar.	17—Javier Ayala, Los Angeles	W	10
Apr.	14—Gerardo Ferrat, Panama City	KO	2
June	2—Hector Thompson, Panama City (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	8
Aug.	4—Doc McClendon, San Juan	W	10
Sept.	8—Ishimatsu Suzuki, Panama City	KO	10
Dec.	1—Antonio Garcia, Santiago	KO	2

1974

Jan.	21—Leonard Tavarez, Paris	KO	4
Feb.	16—Armando Mendoza, Panama City	KO	3
Mar.	16—Esteban DeJesus, Panama City (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	11
July	6—Flash Gallego, Panama City	KO	5
Sept.	2—Hector Matta, San Juan	W	10
Oct.	10—Alberto Vanegas, Panama City	KO	1
Oct.	31—Jose Vasquez, San Jose	KO	2
Dec.	21—Masataka Takayma, San Jose	KO	1

1975

Feb.	15—Andres Salgado, Panama City	KO	1
Mar.	2—Ray Lampkin, Panama City (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	14
June	3—Jose Peterson, Miami Beach	KO	1
Aug.	2—Pedro Mendoza, Managua	KO	1
Sept.	13—Alirio Acuna, Chitre	KO	3
Sept.	30—Edwin Viruet, Uniondale	W	10
Dec.	14—Leonico Ortiz, San Juan (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	15

1976

May	4—Saoul Mamby, Miami Beach	W	10
May	22—Lou Bizarro, Erie (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	14
July	31—Emilliano Villa, Panama City	KO	9
Oct.	15—Alvaro Rojas, Hollywood, Fl. (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	1

1977

Jan.	29—Vilomar Fernandez, Miami Beach (Retained World Lightweight Title)	KO	13
May	16—Javier Muniz, Landover	W	10
Aug.	6—Bernardo Diaz, Panama City	KO	1
Sept.	17—Edwin Viruet, Philadelphia (Retained World Lightweight Title)	W	15

1978

Jan.	21—Esteban DeJesus, Las Vegas (Won Undisputed World Lightweight Title)	KO	12
Apr.	27—Adolfo Viruet, New York	W	10
Sept.	1—Ezequiel Obando, Panama City	KO	2
Dec.	8—Monroe Brooks, New York	KO	8

1979

Apr.	8—Jimmy Heair, Las Vegas	W	10
June	22—Carlos Palomino, New York	W	10
Sept.	28—Zeferino Gonzalez, Las Vegas	W	10

1980

Jan.	13—Joszef Nsubuga, Las Vegas	KO	4
Feb.	24—Wellington Wheately, Las Vegas	KO	6
June	20—Sugar Ray Leonard, Montreal (Won World Welterweight Title)	W	15
Nov.	25—Sugar Ray Leonard, New Orleans (Lost World Welterweight Title)	KO by	8

1981

June	10—Simon Smith, New York	Exh.	3
Aug.	9—Nino Gonzalez, Cleveland	W	10
Sept.	26—Luigi Minchillo, Las Vegas	W	10

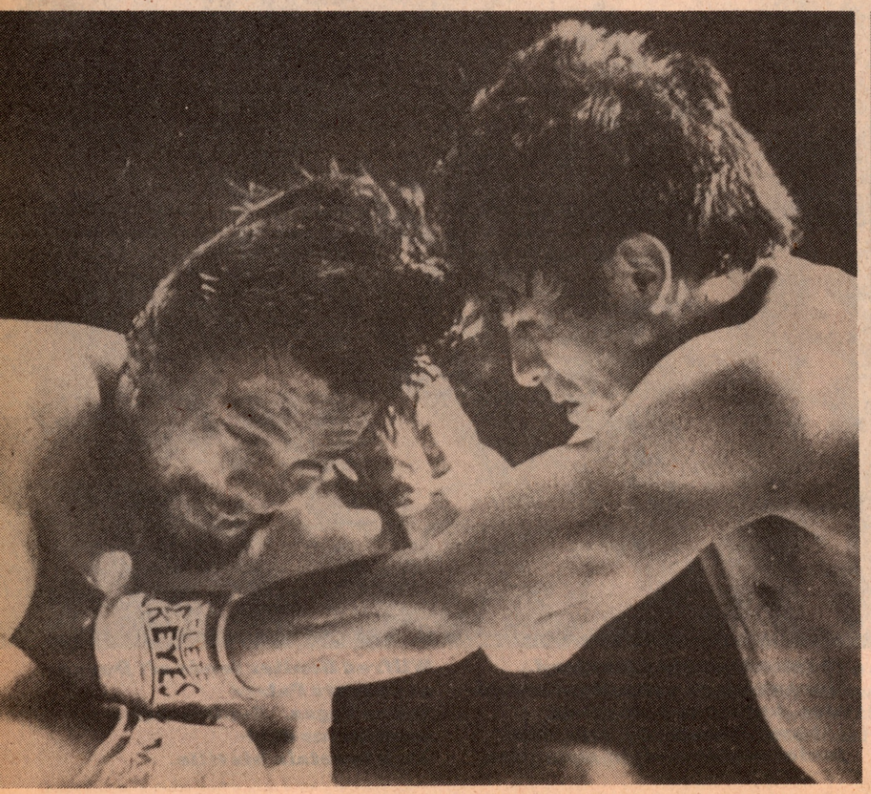
1982

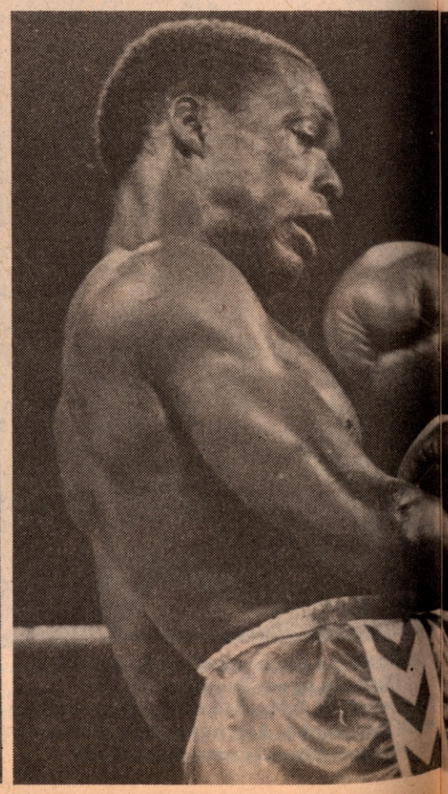
Jan.	20—Wilfred Benitez, Las Vegas (For WBC Junior Middleweight Title)	L	15
Sept.	4—Kirkland Laing, Detroit	L	10
Nov.	12—Jimmy Batten, Miami	W	10

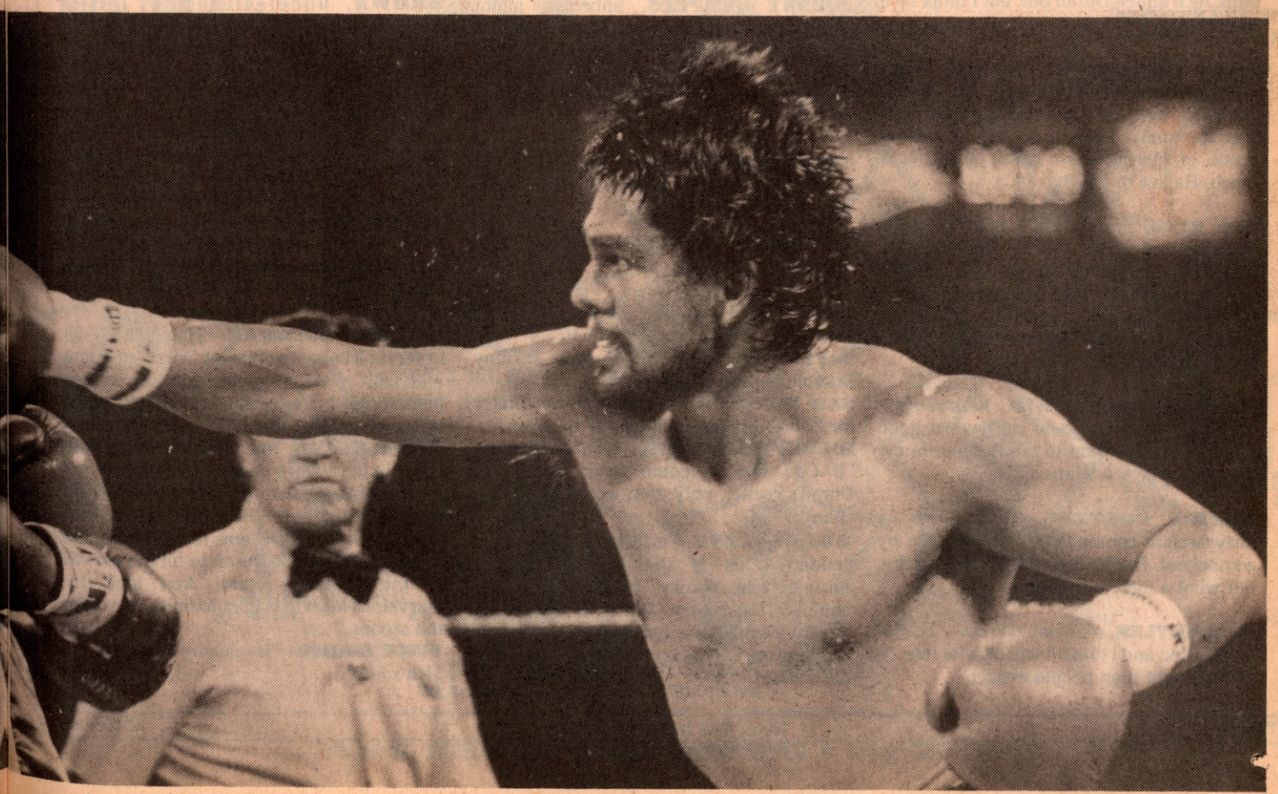
1983

Jan.	29—Pipino Cuevas, Los Angeles	KO	4
Jun.	16—Davey Moore, New York (Won WBA World Junior Middleweight Title)	KO	8

Career Record	Total Fights	Won	(KO)	Lost	Draw
	80	76	(57)	4	0







EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD, former light heavyweight champion—"I really like both guys, so I'd better refrain from making a prediction and getting either one of them mad. But you had best believe you're gonna see plenty of action."

JAMES BROAD, heavyweight prospect—"Hagler will stop Duran within six. He is an awesome fighter in every field you look at. He can box. He can punch. He can slug. He's a complete fighter. Duran will definitely be stopped."

SAM SOLOMON, veteran trainer—"There's no doubt it'll be Hagler. I don't think he'll knock Duran out, but I think he'll beat him easy."

DAVE BONTEMPO, Atlantic City *Press*—"Roberto's gone beyond the "hands of Stone" age. This is one jump in weight class too many. There is no way he can get inside of Marvin's fast hands and longer reach. Hagler by TKO in 14."

DON KING, promoter—"I think Roberto Duran is one of the greatest fighters of all time. He certainly helped me get to where I am today. He was legendary as a lightweight, good as a welterweight but is only fair as a junior middleweight. I think Hagler is going to do it to him."

MICHAEL DOKES, WBA heavyweight champion—"It's going to be a very good fight. I wouldn't want to put my foot in my mouth and pick a winner."

GERRIE COETZEE, WBA's No. 1 heavyweight contender—"I pick Hagler by a knockout. Hagler is too big and powerful. But what a fighter Duran is."

ED SCHUYLER, Associated Press—"Hagler by decision and I think it will be a lot less exciting a fight than people expect."

PHILL MARDER, Camden *Courier Post*—"Hagler's going to wear him down and stop him in about 11 rounds. If they make Duran shave his beard, like they should, Hagler will KO him in the third round!"

HAROLD WESTON JR., matchmaker, Madison Square Garden—"I feel Hagler is too big for Duran. A good little man cannot beat a good big man. Both have about the same amount of experience and ring savy, but I think Hagler is just going to be too much. They'll have to stop the fight as Duran is going to take a bad beating."

JOHNNY BUMPHUS, unbeaten junior welterweight contender—"Hagler will win in a tough fight. Duran will be there as long as the fight lasts, but Hagler will prove too strong for him. I've got to figure Hagler in 10."

EMILE GRIFFITH, former five-time world champion—"I think Hagler will win it big in say, about the sixth round."

KEN PICKING, *USA Today*—"Hagler by a knockout in the 10th."

HOWIE ALBERT, manager, Juan LaPorte—"I like Hagler within 10."

SHELLY FINKEL, Co-Manager, Johnny Bumphus—"It's Hagler, easy!"

SAM ROSEN, Blow-by-blow commentator for ESPN—"Hagler will win by decision."

RICHIE GIACHETTI, Manager/trainer "If God was to come down and work Duran's corner, only then would he have a chance!"

BOBBY CZYZ, middleweight contender—"This is the biggest 'money' mismatch in history. Hagler will punch Duran around easy. Duran is out of his weight class. This is not Hugo Corro Duran is taking on. It's Hagler easy in this well-paid mismatch."

DAVID WOLF, manager, Ray Mancini—"Hagler will win it by decision."

MARK MEDAL, outstanding Junior Middleweight Prospect—"Hagler in seven."

EDDIE ALLEN, manager, Mark Medal and others—"Hagler in about six."

MICHAEL MARLEY, ABC Sports producer and *Boxing Illustrated* columnist—"Hagler will stop Duran when he wants to stop him, and that'll be from the 10th round on."

CHARLES "WHITE LIGHTNING" BROWN, undefeated New Jersey lightweight—"I think Hagler might be too strong at that weight for Duran to handle. He'll probably beat Duran by decision, but I doubt he'll be able to stop him."

BERT R. SUGAR—"The Duran-Moore fight told us more about Moore than about Duran. Unfortunately, the only way Duran can beat Hagler is to lose about 10 years."

RANDY GORDON—"It will be nothing more than a hard workout for Hagler. Marvelous Marvin by TKO around the 10th round after beating on Roberto all night long."

HERBERT GOLDMAN—"Hagler by TKO in 10. He'll be too mobile for Duran, popping him with shots from the side angles and hammering his eyes shut till the ref steps in."

BEN SHARAV—"You *know* that Duran will come in in forward gear. But he will be met by the biggest, strongest fighter he's ever faced. Roberto will suffer his first knockdown since DeJesus decked him nine years ago. Look for Duran to hit the canvas in the opening round. And look for Marvelous Marvin Hagler to finish him off in the second."

VINCE SHOMO—"Hagler by KO after the 11th round."

KRONK BOXING TEAM

Managed By:

Escot Boxing Enterprises, Inc.

THOMAS HEARNS
Wt. 154 lbs. 37-1

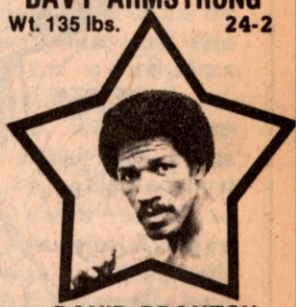
MILTON McCRORY
Wt. 147 lbs. 20-0 1

EMANUEL STEWARD

JACKIE BEARD
Wt. 126 lbs. 18-1

DAVY ARMSTRONG
Wt. 135 lbs. 24-2

DUANE THOMAS
Wt. 154 lbs. 19-1



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Wt. 154 lbs. 25-1

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Amateur Coordinator

PRENTISS BYRD
Pro-Coordinator

SAM McKINNEY
Office Manager

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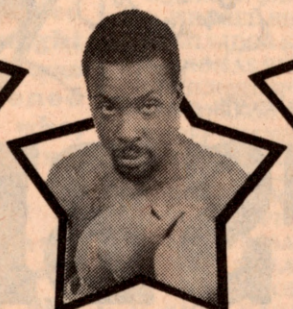

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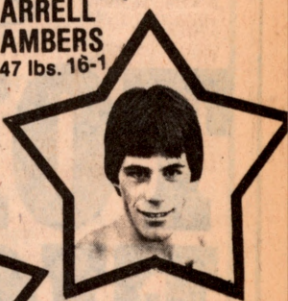

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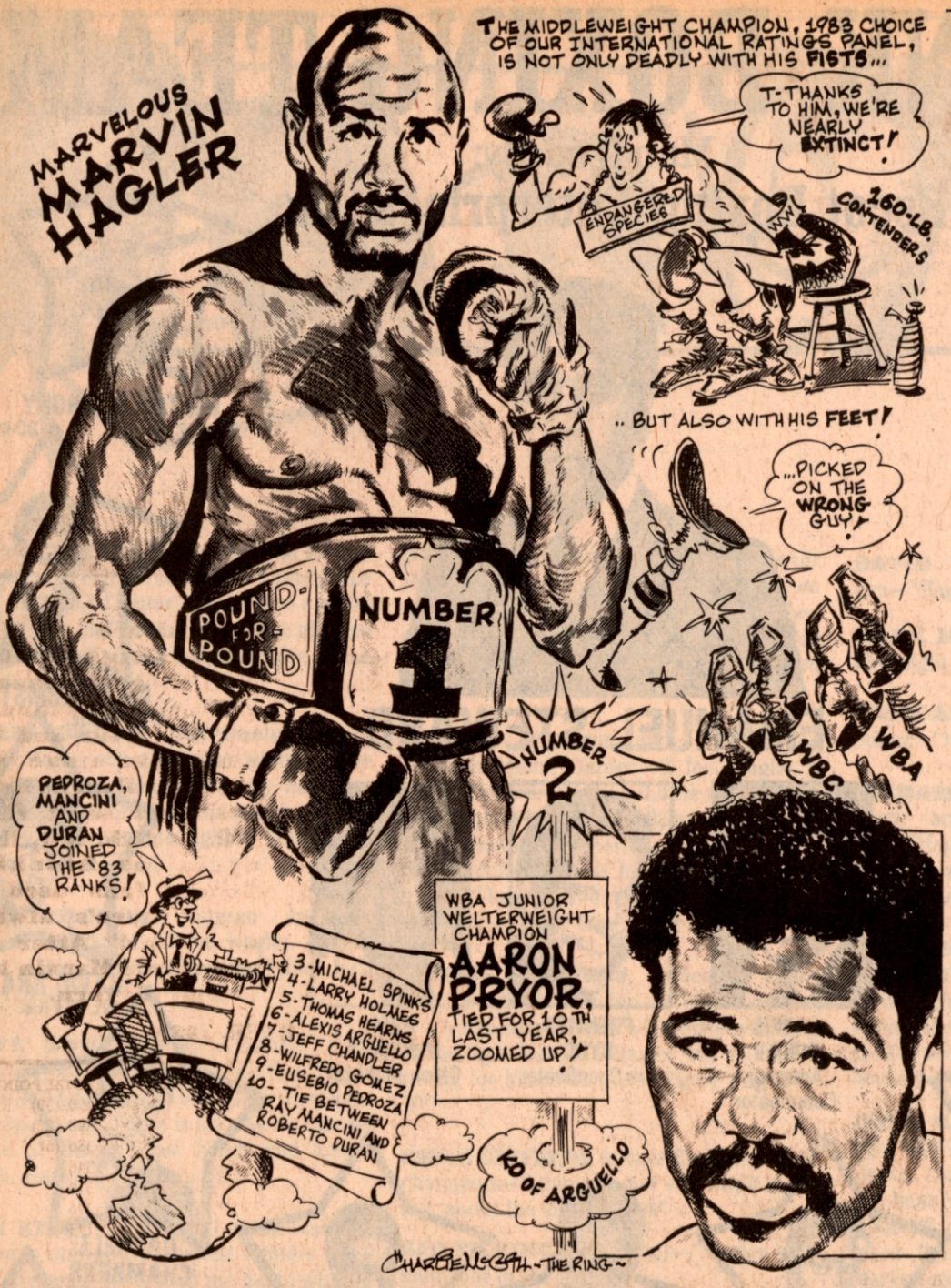


TODAY'S BEST FIGHTER AT ANY WEIGHT

SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO, Douglas MacArthur resigned from the service in a ringing speech before the combined houses of Congress. His final line recalled a barrack-room ballad of his youth which concluded "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away..." And so he did, in as dignified a manner as any man who ever stepped aside.

Last November 9th Sugar Ray Leonard stepped aside, ending his abdication speech with the words—directed to Marvelous Marvin Hagler in a reference to their much talked-about fight— "But, unfortunately that will never happen." He might just as well have said, "Old boxers never die, they just go on making their rounds," as he unofficially handed over his scepter as the world's best boxer at any weight to the middleweight champion.

Now that unofficial line of succession, from Leonard to Hagler, has been solemnized, made official by the ballots of *The Ring's* International Ratings Panel, who—after voting Sugar Ray Leonard "The Best Fighter at any Weight" in the past two polls—voted Marvelous Marvin as "The Best Fighter," pound-for-pound, in the world today.

Hagler succeeded Sugar Ray by an overwhelming margin, in the process catapaulting over the likes of Alexis Arguello and Larry Holmes, both of whom stood between him and the top spot in

BEST FIGHTER *1983*

	NAME	WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL POINTS
1.	MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER (20)	MIDDLEWEIGHT	253
2.	AARON PRYOR	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	186
3.	MICHAEL SPINKS	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	173
4.	LARRY HOLMES (4)	HEAVYWEIGHT	166
5.	THOMAS HEARNS (1)	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	118
6.	ALEXIS ARGUELLO (1)	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	91
7.	JEFF CHANDLER	BANTAMWEIGHT	82
8.	WILFREDO GOMEZ	FEATHERWEIGHT	76
9.	EUSEBIO PEDROZA	FEATHERWEIGHT	52
10.	RAY MANCINI	LIGHTWEIGHT	40
	ROBERTO DURAN	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	40
12.	WILFRED BENITEZ	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	21
	HECTOR CAMACHO	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	21
14.	EDWIN ROSARIO	LIGHTWEIGHT	17
15.	DONALD CURRY	WELTERWEIGHT	13
16.	JUAN LAPORTE	FEATHERWEIGHT	12
17.	ROGER MAYWEATHER	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	9
18.	MILTON MC CRORY	WELTERWEIGHT	7
	MUSTAFA HAMSHO	MIDDLEWEIGHT	7
20.	JAMES SHULER	MIDDLEWEIGHT	6
	JAIME GARZA	JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	6
	BOBBY CHACON	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	6
	SANTOS LACIAR	FLYWEIGHT	6
	JIRO WATANABE	BANTAMWEIGHT	6
24.	DWIGHT BRAXTON	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	5
25.	MICHAEL DOKES	HEAVYWEIGHT	4
26.	LUPE PINTOR	BANTAMWEIGHT	3
	JUNG-KOO CHANG	FLYWEIGHT	3
	SAOUL MAMBY	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	3
29.	HOWARD DAVIS	LIGHTWEIGHT	2
	JOHNNY BUMPHUS	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	2
31.	COLIN JONES	WELTERWEIGHT	1
	GERRY COONEY	HEAVYWEIGHT	1

Based on 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc., down to 1 for a 10th-place vote. Number of first-place votes in parentheses after name.

last year's poll. Now Numero Uno in the eye of the fight fraternity, it remains to be seen whether he can translate that into the same charisma and cash that Sugar Ray had or be destined to be known only as a "Fighter's Fighter."

The cast of supporting characters bears more than a slight resemblance to last year's, with all of the first eight selections in last year's Top Ten—and six of them double repeaters from two years ago. Number two this year is Aaron Pryor who, on the strength of his victory over Arguello, jumped from Number 10 to Number two, continuing his improvement from the 12th-spot of two years ago.

Number three is Michael Spinks, who rose from the eighth spot of a year ago, four is heavyweight titleholder Larry Holmes, who fell a notch, based on his performances against Tim Witherspoon and Lucien Rodriguez, while Thomas Hearns moved up two spots on the basis of his solid win over Wilfred Benitez and his newly-acquired Junior Middleweight crown. Number 6 was the aforementioned Alexis Arguello, who, in the previous two polls, had been Numbers 2 and 5, respectively, and Numbers 7 and 8 went to Jeff Chandler and Wilfredo Gomez, last year's Numbers 10 and 9.

The rest of The Top Ten—or Top 11, if you will, a tie occurring for the last rung—belongs to three newcomers: Eusebio Pedroza, Ray Mancini and Roberto Duran, all of whom had been on the brink of breaking into the Top Ten in previous years.

This year's balloting included 32 fighters, the most ever to get votes for the "Best at Any Weight" polls, and included several new and rising stars like Hector Camacho (a lucky 13th), Donald Curry (15th), and Mustafa Hamsho (19th).

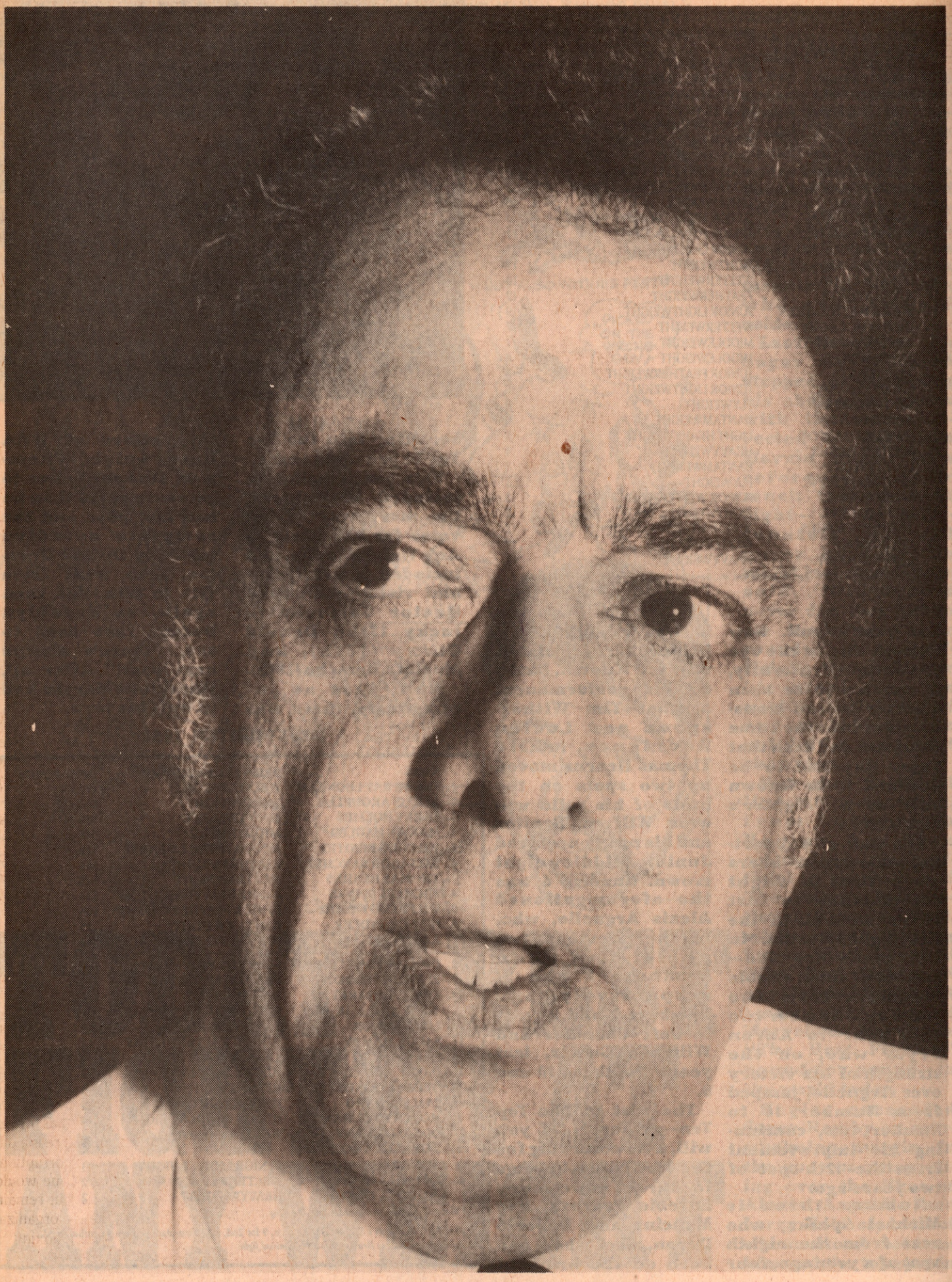
And, just as interestingly, there was the failure of WBA Heavyweight Champion Michael Dokes to get more votes than he had last year and the complete nosedive taken by Dwight Braxton, who went from 12th to 25th. But, then again, as Brooklyn Dodger fans used to say, "there's always next year!" After all, Marvelous Marvin had to wait his turn.

BEST FIGHTER *1982*

	NAME	WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL POINTS
1.	SUGAR RAY LEONARD	WELTERWEIGHT*	490 (30)
2.	ALEXIS ARGUELLO	LIGHTWEIGHT*	440 (22)
3.	LARRY HOLMES	HEAVYWEIGHT*	386 (6)
4.	MARVIN HAGLER	MIDDLEWEIGHT*	346
5.	WILFRED BENITEZ	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	310
6.	SALVADOR SANCHEZ	FEATHERWEIGHT*	296
7.	THOMAS HEARNS	WELTERWEIGHT	143
8.	MICHAEL SPINKS	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	116
9.	WILFREDO GOMEZ	JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT*	106
10.	JEFF CHANDLER	BANTAMWEIGHT*	85
	AARON PRYOR	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT*	85
12.	DWIGHT BRAXTON	LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT*	56
13.	EUSEBIO PEDROZA	FEATHERWEIGHT	33
14.	EDWIN ROSARIO	LIGHTWEIGHT	20
	TONY AYALA, JR.	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	20
16.	LUPE PINTOR	BANTAMWEIGHT	18
17.	SAOUL MAMBY	JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	12
18.	RAY MANCINI	LIGHTWEIGHT	10
19.	DAVEY MOORE	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	9
20.	GERRY COONEY	HEAVYWEIGHT	6
21.	SAM SERRANO	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT*	4
	ROBERTO DURAN	JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	4
23.	DONALD CURRY	WELTERWEIGHT	3
	CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS	JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	3
25.	PIPINO CUEVAS	WELTERWEIGHT	2
	MICHAEL DOKES	HEAVYWEIGHT	2

*World Champion as recognized by *The Ring*

50 ballots, scored on a 1-10 basis (10 for 1st, 9 for 2nd, etc.) First-place votes in parenthesis. *Ed. Note: Poll compiled prior to Braxton-Saad Muhammad fight.*



SULAIMAN ANSWERS HIS CRITICS IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

"Only the mediocre writers of the world are against me."
"Bobby Chacon just wanted to use the WBC."
"I invite anyone to prove that I do anything dishonest."

BY MICHAEL MARLEY

MEXICO CITY—IT'S A SMOGGY, HAZY SUMMER afternoon in the world's most heavily-populated city. As the black Ford LTD snakes its way through incredible freeway traffic, the man who thinks he rules professional boxing is bouncing up and down in the front seat. His driver is warily eyeing the menacing Pemex oil trucks alongside, but Jose Sulaiman's mind is on other matters.

Of serious concern to the 52-year-old El Presidente of the Consejo Mundial de Boxeo (CMB) is the persistent attacks upon his administration of what is known in the English-speaking world as the World Boxing Council. Sulaiman is under fire for stripping the junior lightweight title from Bobby Chacon and for threatening to lift recognition from undisputed middleweight champ Marvelous Marvin Hagler and heavyweight titleholder Larry Holmes. Sulaiman realizes his public image is taking a beating in the American press.

"I am thinking," Sulaiman says in his typical, measured tones, "of hiring a public relations agency. I have one now in Dallas but I don't think they are doing anything for me."

The most common accusation about Sulaiman, who has ruled the largest of boxing's two world bodies since the WBC 1975 convention in Tunisia, is that he is a complete puppet for promoter Don King. In 1978, when a Bob Arum-inspired coup attempt failed to emasculate Sulaiman's power, King had this outraged reaction: "It was a disgraceful idea, and a display of devotion and love for right and democracy was shown by the delagates. Jose is the best thing that has ever happened to boxing. I was happy and proud to see him being given the vote of confidence he deserves."

Sulaiman's defenders say his chief weakness is his kindness, that his fear of offending anyone is what makes him tread so ineffectually through the confusing maze that is big-money boxing. One who doesn't buy that theory is Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler.

"The most common rap on Jose is that he is too nice to too many people," Trampler said. "But it seems he is more nice to King than to anybody else. When Steve Eisner and I had an Alexis Arguello-Ruben Castillo title bout we couldn't get Jose to sanction it. But, as soon as I brought King in as a partner, it was okayed."

Sulaiman is also something of an unabashed groupie. He delights in telling how he took Sugar Ray Leonard on a trip to Acapulco and how the two of them were mobbed by adoring fans. And Muhammad Ali was a recent guest at Sulaiman's country ranch home, a few hours drive from Mexico City. Not to mention that Omar Shariff is a personal friend of Jose's. It greatly disturbs Jose's ego that the American networks refuse to keep the cameras rolling when he makes his in-the-ring presentation of WBC title belts.

"The WBC," Chacon has said, "is just a toy for Jose Sulaiman to play with. Jose Sulaiman says he is for the fighter, but that only works until there's money involved."

Jose is likeable. He was not the first person ever to be charmed or conned by Don King and he won't be the last. He cares for boxing as a sport; and for boxers as persons. But having a well-meaning fan at boxing's helm makes no sense. Whether Sulaiman is corrupt is another question. It has never been conclusively proven, and there is a difference between ineptitude and corruption.

If Sulaiman were really smart, he would quietly step down as president but remain involved in the WBC. It's time the organization had a president to whom boxing is more than an ego-gratifying hobby.

RING: YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN SUBJECTED to a good deal of criticism, coming from many directions: promoters, boxers, managers and even commission officials. THE NEW YORK TIMES just nicknamed you "Jose the Stripper" because of your threats to strip Chacon, Hagler and Holmes of their titles. How do you handle these attacks?

SULAIMAN: Usually I am not even given the chance to answer. I deeply appreciate the fact that RING Magazine is allowing me the opportunity. I can tell you something. The reason I am attacked is because of the present war of promotional interests — vested interests. I didn't know about criticism from boxers or managers. This is news to me. I knew about the criticism from the promoters and the media people.

RING: Does the criticism get to you?

SULAIMAN: No. Many times the media will make outlandish accusations without checking up on them. I have noticed that the WBC is always connected with the WBA by the media in the United States. I have read many specific charges against the WBA. And the news media acts as if this goes for the WBC as well. If they are really professionals, the news media should investigate both organizations to their roots and from that investigation make conclusions. If they still have to relate the WBC with the WBA, that's fine with me.

RING: Do you detect racist overtones in some of the attacks on the WBC in the American press? Do you feel that they oppose you because you are Latin, and the seat of power in the WBC is in Mexico instead of the U.S.?

SULAIMAN: I believe that only the mediocre writers of the world are still against me. The good writers—and the United States is full of them—are fair. But it is a natural situation that when you are well-known, or hold some kind of power, you create envy. You create animosity from certain people. So, when something happens to incur the feelings of a writer, they have to look for something to attack. So what do they do? "Let's attack the Mexican 'Bandito' whose office is in Mexico and who, by being Mexican, doesn't have the right to hold any position in boxing."

RING: Let's talk about some of the current problems and sore spots facing the WBC: Larry Holmes said in BOXING ILLUSTRATED that, at one point, he would defy the WBC's order to defend his title against Greg Page and instead fight unrated Marvis Frazier. The promoter of that fight, Murad Muhammad, and the TV network, NBC, also said they didn't care about your sanction. Holmes has since reached an understanding with the WBC and agreed to fight Page after first fighting Frazier and Scott Frank. What did you say to Holmes about his announced defiance, albeit momentary?

SULAIMAN: I told Larry that I would be very disappointed if he meant to defy the WBC. Disappointed because in 1977 the WBC took action against Leon Spinks when he would not comply with a commitment that he had signed to fight Ken Norton in a mandatory defense. We withdrew the title from Leon Spinks. Ken Norton became the champion because his fight with Jimmy Young was considered to be for the WBC title. At that moment, the WBC refused to receive a big income for sanction fees for the Spinks-Ali rematch. Instead we based our actions on the regulations and supported the Ken Norton-Larry Holmes fight, for which we got a $20,000 sanction fee. Leon Spinks sued the WBC and we had to pay approximately $168,000 for our legal defense.

We did it because we were fighting for a principle. It was because of that ethical, strong determination of the WBC that Larry Holmes, who said that he had been ducked in the past, got the opportunity to become the world champion for the WBC. To start a career that I believe has been one of the greatest in the history of the division, to make himself one of the greatest heavyweight champions of history, and definitely to me, the best left hand that I have seen in my lifetime in the division.

If, after all the things that we've gone through, if after supporting Larry in the years when the media attacked him . . . if he now replaces the WBC in that situation, I would be very sad. But my conclusion is that I will see that the rules of the WBC are followed. . .

RING: What do you think of the attitudes of Murad Muhammad and of NBC in this affair?

SULAIMAN: About Murad Muhammad, I have no comment. About NBC, yes, I have. I believe that whoever is giving advice to the executives of NBC to proceed in this way are people that have no scruples and no ethics.

RING: Are you referring to Ferdie Pacheco?

SULAIMAN: Pacheco yes, but I don't know. I would be very surprised if Ferdie Pacheco is the advisor. But if he is, he is. The thing is that NBC did not build up Larry Holmes. NBC had nothing to do with the organization of the heavyweight championship. NBC did absolutely nothing to fight and defend the principles of our champion. NBC has done nothing for the protection of the boxer or for the improvement of the rules, for the safety rules that we have enforced.

They are unethically using the prestige and the name and the economic value of

"I told Larry Holmes that I would be very disappointed if he defied the WBC."

those things for their own benefit. And to me, I cannot understand that coming from such a great organization like NBC. It's got to be by the advice of somebody that does not know what he is saying.

RING: Jose, do you feel you have the strength to strip a popular champion such as Marvin Hagler or Larry Holmes of their titles for violating WBC rules? Do you fear or realize what the backlash in the United States will be?

SULAIMAN: I do not participate in popularity contests. I was elected president to defend the rules of the WBC. I don't believe that white people are superior to blacks, or that some champions are superior to others. I cannot be weak and be influenced by fear and allow the rules to be broken. As I told you before, if you have a hero, full of medals, but he's blind . . . Are you going to give him a driver's license? If he breaks the law of the country he has to pay. It's the same in the WBC.

But we have only stripped titles from two people since I've been president. One was big—the biggest of all—when we went against the Ali-Spinks rematch. But we did it. It's just very simple.

There are other organizations. If they don't like the WBC, they can go home. Hagler? I don't understand Hagler. We forced Minter to give him a chance at the championship.

RING: On another subject, the Chacon controversy: Flash Gordon, who publishes a boxing newsletter, accuses you of "Stealing Chacon's title." Gordon and many mainstream boxing writers accuse you of punishing Chacon because he crossed up Don King. Is that the case?

SULAIMAN: I don't know who Flash Gordon is. I have never read him. But Chacon should not even be considered in that situation. Bobby has fought for WBC titles four times. In two of the four, he became world champion for the WBC. Bobby was not rated by the WBA or many other magazines or whatever. He was in the WBC all the time. He is intimately related in his professional career, in his income, with the WBC.

But we have a rule, the one-option rule, that has never been broken in the history of the WBC. Chacon himself signed options in every single fight that he fought as a challenger. He knows what it is all about. After signing the contract to fight Bazooka Limon, he signed for three options with Don King. We told King that we cannot allow the validity of those three options. We will allow only one. But Chacon must comply with that.

Now, if Chacon violates the option rule, violates the four-month period for defenses, if he freezes the title for eight months, if this division has 14 months to make a mandatory title defense . . . Let me put it this way: Is the State of New York going to give a driver's license to a blind man because he was a hero?

RING: In ruling against Bobby Chacon and charging him with not fulfilling an option contract with Don King, didn't you place property above the importance of the fight against the mandatory challenger, Cornelius Boza-Edwards?

SULAIMAN: Unfortunately, the mandatory date cannot always be complied with. There are exceptions in this modern world because promoters don't want to put on a fight without a TV date because of the money involved. When it's very important, you have to extend the mandatory date. Or else we'd be forcing mainly the fighters to accept much less money. And compliance with a contractual agreement is very important on all occasions.

I don't believe it's placing property over a person. Promoters have at least the honest right to promote a title defense of a new champion after the title changes hands. It's the least we can do for a promoter, give him one chance with a new champion. I'm not talking about tying a fighter up for a five or six options or for a lifetime. And this is a

new thing for the WBC. We wanted to be legal to have that one option right on the table.

RING: Bottom line: If a U.S. court finally rules for Chacon, will you accept the ruling or will you fight it?

SULAIMAN: We will go to the highest court of appeal, to the Supreme Court of the United States or the highest court available. I'm sure we are right and didn't do anything wrong. Chacon did not want to respect our rules. He just wanted to use the WBC.

RING: It's no secret, Jose, that you and Don King are friendly both in boxing and on a social level. Do you favor King, as many people charge?

SULAIMAN: The world of boxing, I mean the people in boxing, know me as a good friend. I'm not only a friend of Don King. My temperament, my style is to be a good friend of the people. I don't know how to hate. I don't know how to hurt purposely.

Don King has one big problem. He's wealthy, I think. I don't know. But that's what they say. And he has been ingenious to get a lot of boxers for his promotions. His competitors, instead of trying to beat him in the ring, try to get him by hurting him. They don't have the guts and courage to understand that this is a business and it's a free world. As free as the United States. For you can be anyone there with money. If you have the money, you can take any boxer from any promoter, regardless. Because, unfortunately—I say unfortunately—the champions all go for the money.

RING: Can you give some specific examples that show you do not favor King?

SULAIMAN: There was the Carlos Palomino case in 1978. I was called to Don King's suite at Caesars Palace where Jackie McCoy, Mickey Duff, Jimmy Jacobs and Don King were meeting. King wanted to have Carlos Palomino, who was then the WBC welterweight champion, defend his title against Roberto Duran. And he offered Palomino $500,000, with $300,000 to Duran.

I said that it was not acceptable to the WBC because Wilfred Benitez was the official challenger. The only way the WBC would accept it would be if Benitez agreed. King offered Jim Jacobs (Benitez' manager) $150,000 for Benitez to step aside. Jacobs said "No way." We stood by our guns and told King we would not accept the fight.

Another example is the Mexico City convention in 1981. King wanted to honor Leon Spinks as number one contender, but the WBC supported Gerry Cooney instead.

Or take the case of Sugar DeLeon. He signed three contracts: first with Joe Gagliardi, then with Dr. Young and then with Don King. King was very strong in requesting that DeLeon fight for him. But we ordered that the contracts be respected in the strict order that they were signed.

"We will go (all the way) to the U.S. Supreme Court (to beat Bobby Chacon)." (above); "No promoter has received more WBC rulings against him than Don King." (right)

Dwight Braxton is another example. He wanted to fight for King for $450,000 when he was champion, but we insisted that he honor his commitment to Murad Muhammad.

And I can tell you many, many more. The only thing is this: King doesn't go to the paper to complain when things like this happen. He doesn't go to court to sue the WBC. You know, there's not one single promoter in the world that has received so many WBC rulings against them than King. And I think that King's behavior is exemplary because he has supported our position.

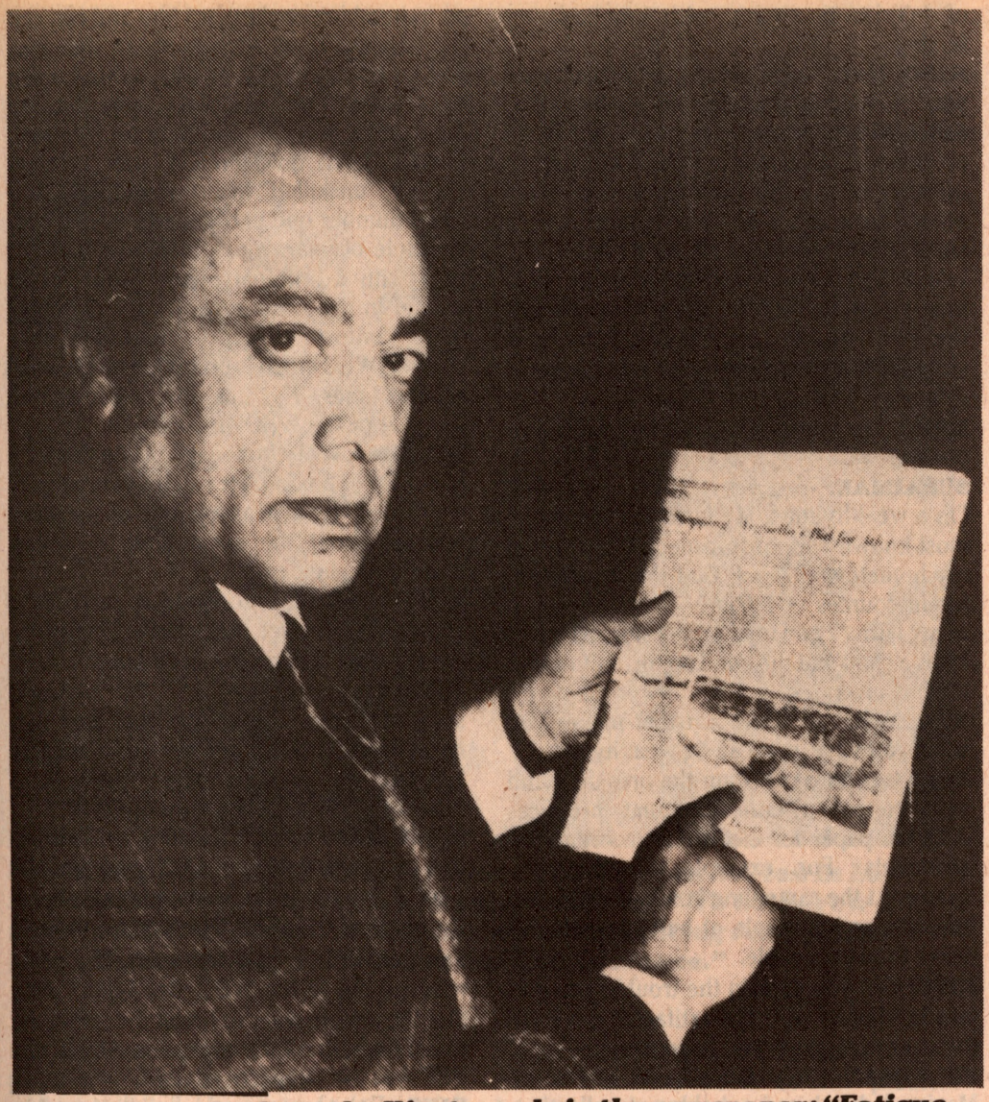
RING: Do you think it is proper that Don King promotes fighters who are supposedly managed by his son Carl? Do you have a rule against promoters acting as managers?

SULAIMAN: In a country like the United States that has a free, democratic way of living, you cannot deny a man an opportunity simply because he is your son. Others do it also: Lou and Dan Duva for example. If you ask me if this is all right, I'll say I don't like it. But I cannot oppose a man trying to make a living simply because he is the son of someone else. It's ridiculous. All the promoters of the world work with their closest friends, which is exactly the same thing.

RING: One of your most frequent critics is a man you know, the man who assigned me to do this interview—Bert Sugar. In an editorial in the June, 1983 issue of THE RING, he called you "the personal lapdog of Don King." He also made four charges: One, that "the WBC has presumed some of the most dubious boxer ratings, bizarre mismatches in the history of the sport." Two, that the WBC has "assigned officials in such a way as to invite suspicion of impropriety." Three, that you have "arbitrarily punished a number of fighters while favoring others." And four, that you have "created meaningless weight divisions resulting in an increased number of champions and lucrative sanctioning fees and global junkets for WBC officials."

Now is your chance to answer Sugar right in the pages of THE RING.

SULAIMAN: Okay. First, Sugar to me is a



Sulaiman reads about the Kim tragedy in the newspaper: "Fatigue is one of the most important enemies in sport. When fatigue comes, the athlete is exposed to serious injury."

complete mystery. When he and I talk together, he's very friendly, very nice, very respectful, and he talks in a good way about the WBC and myself. I like the man. But when I read his articles, I just cannot understand. Something strange, something important, something that should be known is behind it. What is it? I don't know. I have one thought. THE RING Magazine had, unfortunately, some bad accusations of corruption in the past, before Sugar was there. Perhaps he's trying to erase the corruption thing that came in a different era.

Second, I think that Bert Sugar wants to go back to the dark eras of boxing when there were no ratings available, when the champions used to make the rules themselves, when the promoter that held the champion ruled the world, when so many bad things were done. Things like a champion travelling with his own referee and his own judges, like ducking the most important challengers, or like promoters tying a champion up for years. Okay, what happened? They used to go to THE RING magazine for the record. He perhaps wants to sell the records through the magazine.

And third, I don't know—and I don't believe this—that he has, as others, this ethnic prejudice.

Perhaps there might be something else. Perhaps a good friend of Bert Sugar is influencing him in carrying this apparent conspiracy . . . or, you know, who knows?

RING: "Dubious ratings?" . . . "Mismatches?"

SULAIMAN: On the boxing ratings, I invite Bert Sugar to a roundtable with my ratings committee which has some of the most knowledgeable boxing writers from all over the world, to prove to him that his ratings are not better than ours. The mismatches? Perhaps he had the wrong group in mind because the WBC can prove that 85 percent of its total fights in a year are good fights. About 45 percent are very good, 40 percent are good. We have about 9 percent fair fights and 7 or 6 percent poor matches. I would like to know how can he beat that? I'd like to ask Mr. Sugar to tell me in what year in the history of boxing did we have better averages? In fact, why doesn't he tell me which has been a mismatch, a bad fight, in the last year?

RING: "Improper assignment of judges?"

SULAIMAN: Again, perhaps Mr. Sugar is speaking of some other organization, because I remember in the last two or three years the WBC has not had a single bad decision for which it has been protested. So that is an accusation that makes me just laugh, to be honest with you. But I believe Mr. Sugar is insulting and slandering and humiliating some of the best officials in the world, like Tony Perez, Arthur Mercante, Tony Castellano, Rudy Ortega, Dick Young, Dave Pearl, Carlos Padilla.

RING: Number three, that you have, "arbitrarily punished some fighters while favoring others"?

SULAIMAN: Well, I would like specifics. On the contrary, I believe that we are giving everybody an opportunity regardless of nationality, race, color or politics. If you just review the world champions that the WBC has, you will see that we mean business.

I can remember Archie Moore in the past: Three-and-a-half years at number one without getting a shot at the title. I remember Sonny Liston never got a chance for four years. I remember Montequilla Napoles had to wait 3½ years. I can give you a long list of boxers who were dumped on because there was nobody in this world that was going to force the champion to make the defense against the best.

The WBC has a history now that the best challenger gets the opportunity. If they would be fair they would see one important example I'm going to give you. They say I favor King. However, we forced Holmes, who was with King, to defend his title against Cooney, who was not with King. So this is the WBC. We don't care who's who as long as they are the best.

RING: Somehow that philosophy doesn't reflect your thinking in the Chacon case . . . But, going on, finally, he says that you created meaningless weight divisions to bring in more sanctioning fees and free worldwide trips for officials?

SULAIMAN: Mr. Sugar in this occasion is being narrow-minded. A man that only thinks of money and trips—that's the only thing that I can get from that.

I remember many accidents in boxing because of the inhumane sacrifices that some boxers used to make to reduce weight. Because of age, whatever, they got naturally bigger. But they had to take off weight to stay in a division that was not for them. They went to the steamroom; they went to excessive diets. They went to so many things that not only were a danger to their health but they committed a fraud on the public. Because the public paid a ticket

to see a good match, not a man who was so weak that he could not move his gloves. That's why we brought in intermediate divisions—so the fighters would not give a second thought to move up to the next division.

And what happened? We don't see any more people being so weak that they cannot fight. I think that this is one of the most humane decisions that the WBC has ever accomplished.

RING: Perhaps you could explain two current mysteries in the WBC ratings. How can Scott Frank be rated in the heavyweight top ten, when Marvis Frazier, for example, is not? And why has Bobby Chacon been dropped completely from the junior lightweight ratings?

SULAIMAN: Okay, I cannot answer the Scott Frank situation because I have not talked to the ratings committe about it and I have not been directly involved in the ratings for the last two or three years. But I remember two or three rules that we had: There is a rule that no boxer without 15 professional fights can be rated on the first count. I don't really know. I could ask my ratings committee the reasons for that.

With respect to Chacon it is not a matter of taking him off the ratings because he doesn't deserve it. It's a matter of a thing that is in court.

RING: You've been leader of the WBC for a decade. Are you, in effect, president for life? Will you ever step down or have you considered that?

SULAIMAN: I love boxing—I started in boxing when I was eight years old. I cannot figure myself out of boxing. But everything in life has to have an end. My participation in boxing has been very happy because the boxers I have met, they respect me and they like me, and I love them. To me, the boxer is the greatest thing in the world.

Of course, I expect to step down. But I love the pressure.

RING: What have you achieved since becoming president in 1975? What have you personally done to make boxing better?

SULAIMAN: I don't think I have done anything myself, personally. I am a man from a small town and I believe that destiny pushed me to be president of the WBC. I think the most important thing I have done is to be the coordinator for a better understanding in the world about boxing. When I was elected president of the WBC we had only 21 nations as members. Now we have 104. We have accomplished respectable, uniform rules. We have brought into boxing strict medical examinations and the fight against drugs.

We are now in the process of concluding an agreement with the University of California, the U.C.L.A. With them we are going to start a permanent program of medica research for the prevention and treatment of injuries in sports, with emphasis on boxing.

RING: How much money or salary have you received in your term as president?

SULAIMAN: Not one penny. My job as president is an honorary position. And no member of the executive council receives money from the WBC. We do have a very small staff at the WBC office. We have only two complete staff members and two part-time members. None of the other people at the WBC receive money. I and my next generation are covered as far as economical support is concerned.

RING: Are you a wealthy man outside of boxing?

SULAIMAN: Well, yes . . . I would say that I'm a wealthy man. My family is one of the most known and most respected families in my hometown. Thank God that I have different sources of income—mainly because of my father's and my family's support when I was a child and the good opportunities that life has given me.

RING: What business is it that makes you what you what you call "a wealthy man?"

SULAIMAN: Okay. I am the president and associate of a company that produces diagram paper for electronic recording instruments. For example, electrocardiograms. At the same time I own a ranch, two theaters and a couple of buildings which I lease to some people.

RING: Can you explain the trouble you got into in Mexico with the artifacts? Have all the charges against you been dropped?

SULAIMAN: Okay. Since I was a child in Mexico I developed a hobby of collecting archaeological pieces. In Mexico there are many thousands and thousands of people who collect these pieces. I don't understand—there are many hypotheses—what happened to me. I was detained by a chief of police that made a bigshot of himself with this single action. Thank God that I went into court to defend myself and the federal judge declared me innocent of the charge of possession of archaeological pieces without registration.

The yellow journalism of some of the media of the world made my case appear like something that was never charged. They made a scandal that I think was because they wanted to hurt me. But there was no other charge but that one and the federal judge declared me innocent.

There is a law that speaks of the illegal possession of a piece—but the law does not state that to acquire the things legally is illegal. The law is not clear about calling the legality of the lack of registration of those things. It is not clear . . .

RING: Jose, has any promoter, manager, fighter, anyone in boxing ever attempted to bribe you with money, gifts or trips?

SULAIMAN: Oh yes. Many come from poor, humble people that I like and respect. But I always decline kindly those situations and let them know that with us that is not the style. There have been some that are important that have tried to bribe me, sure.

RING: Bernardo Mercado was a rather clumsy, unskilled heavyweight but was rated number one in the world by the WBC a couple of years ago. His manager was a man with a criminal record who was involved in prostitution in Nevada, Joe Conforte. Conforte allegedly entertained high-ranking WBC officials on his Mustang Ranch several times. Was this proper conduct on the part of the WBC officials?

SULAIMAN: My knowlege of Joe Conforte has been in boxing. He's been very special, very nice. I have absolutely no negative feelings about the man. That is nothing more than slander.

(Editor's note: Joe Conforte is currently a fugitive from justice in the United States. He is reportedly hiding out in Brazil.)

RING: Suppose the U.S. TV networks stopped using your ratings and said they don't need the WBC sanction for title fights. We had an example with Chacon-Boza-Edwards. Could this destroy the WBC?

SULAIMAN: No, I don't think so. This was one case, where Mickey Duff, who has been a loyal promoter for years, chose to break the rules of the WBC. He found a network that helped him in threatening and doing what he did to the WBC. But I don't think that the people want to break the law or the rule. I think that's the exception. I think that NBC was not properly advised.

RING: Bob Arum made headlines a few months ago when he called Pepe Cordero "the WBA bagman" in THE RING, and said that he had made cash payments to him. I notice that you have Mr. Cordero's picture up on the wall here in your office. Do you believe what Arum said?

SULAIMAN: Well, we don't have too many relations with Mr. Cordero in the WBC. He's more connected with the WBA. However, when we've dealt with him, he's always complied with our rules. I don't believe the accusations of Mr. Arum. In fact, Mr. Arum is so free and happy to completely base his life on misrepresentations. He's said so many bad things about so many people that I really don't believe that man.

RING: Arum has been an open enemy of yours. And the WBC. He once called you a "fat little Mexican dictator." Why would he have attacked you?

SULAIMAN: In my association with Arum, I found that he supports things only when they go his way. Because he wants to do things that are not proper. Mr. George Parnassus, who was the man that I admired most in my life, [Editor's note: Parnassus bankrolled the WBC at it founding] told me only a few months before he died, "Jose,

Sulaiman presents WBC championship belt to Ken Norton in Los Angeles in 1978 as Mayor Tom Bradley looks on: "We withdrew the title from Leon Spinks . . . because we were fighting for a principle . . . We had to pay $168,000 for our legal defense."

trust anybody in this world, but never — please never trust Bob Arum."

I think that Bob Arum, when he is at ease, when he has no pressure, is a nice man. I used to like him very much when he respected me. Suddenly—and I believe out of jealousy to Don King—he turned against me. Everything broke up—exploded—when we had that dispute about Leon Spinks and Muhammad Ali.

RING: Did Arum ever try to improperly influence you?

SULAIMAN: Of course, of course. He came to Mexico in those days and he was already talking, you know, improper things. I sat down with him and he made a program of fights for Spinks. He wanted Ken Norton to step aside for the Ali-Spinks rematch. He said, "Of course there will be $100,000 in it for you and the WBC."

RING: Will you relent and go back to sanctioning 15-round title fights?

SULAIMAN: We will review that at our next convention.

RING: What was the basis for going to 12 rounds?

SULAIMAN: In 1980 the WBC received a proposal from the European Boxing Union to consider a 12-round limit because Angelo Jacopucci got killed in a fight with Alan Minter—I think that was the 14th round. [Editors note: It was the 12th round.] We didn't take that as a serious problem because in the 20 years of the WBC we have had only one fatal accident, Johnny Owen against Lupe Pintor. Never before, never after. We have very strict medical examinations before every world title fight.

However, when the Mancini-Kim tragedy occurred, he had already had different reports questioning the 15-round distance. In the same weekend I saw Alexis Arguello be knocked out in the 14th round by Aaron Pryor. Arguello was just so tired he couldn't defend himself.

I talked to several important doctors in the United States. They all agreed that fatigue is one of the most important enemies in sport. When fatigue comes, the athlete is exposed to serious injuries.

RING: Some people wrote that the Teddy Brenner lawsuit would put you and the WBC out of business. Yet Brenner was the loser in court. Did you feel vindicated?

SULAIMAN: I was sad and sorry to have been sued by Mr. Brenner. I thought that we had done a very fair action with Mr. Brenner and the court proved it. The WBC has been in court in the United States four or five times. And I must tell you that I deeply recognize and admire the system of justice in the United States. How can a foreigner representing a world organization go to a country and still receive fair treatment by the law? You know, the United States has my complete admiration.

RING: Would you like to see the WBC and the WBA merge into one body, with one world champion in each division?

SULAIMAN: I would present my resignation tomorrow if the chairman of the WBA would present his and we bring the world to vote for a president of one unified organization. But this would be completely impossible. Because as long as there is one promoter that doesn't see things going his way, he will go and create other organizations like I have read that Mr. Arum has formed the USBA/I. I would like to know what Mr. Arum is going to do when the USBA/I tells him not to do what he wants to do. Is he going to bring in another one? So what's the use of merging if someone else will come along, you know?

RING: You express admiration for the United States and have said that you consider yourself part American. What ties do you have with the U.S.?

SULAIMAN: My grandparents were Lebanese. They left Lebanon in 1904 and came to Boston, Massachusetts to start a business. Their bakery has been going on in Fall River, Massachusetts since 1904. All my grandparents' families and cousins, you know, were born in the United States. Many of us have gone to many wars defending the United States: the two world wars and all the others. All my father's family, perhaps 200 people, lived in Massachusetts. I have some others in Michigan. I have lived my childhood with them; I have gone to school with them. Really, I have built my mind as an American by having my best friends Americans. My business is totally related to the United States and my children go to school there.

But when the yellow journalists slandered me during the Teddy Brenner suit, my son was asked not to return to the Tabor Academy in Massachusetts, where he was going to school. So we were forced to go to another school in the U.S. where they opened the doors to us.

RING: You once said, and I quote. "I invite my enemies to try to destroy me." Do you remain as confident against your opposition?

SULAIMAN: I have never done anything that might embarrass myself. I believe that I'm giving my life to boxing, in exchange of nothing, in exchange of being a friend of boxers, in exchange of having friends all over the world.

I keep inviting everyone to prove that I do anything dishonest. The moment I lose confidence in being exposed to any kind of investigation, that'll be the moment that I leave . . .

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

McCRORY-JONES
Vacant WBC Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—THE DAY ONE of boxing's August bodies decides to make title bouts 11 rounds, Colin Jones will be the welterweight champion of the world.

For the second time since March, Jones had the opportunity to win the World Boxing Council 147-pound crown simply by winning the 12th and final round. Both times, however, it was Milton McCrory who rose to the occasion, and today *he's* the WBC welterweight king — not the feisty Welshman.

The first time was in Reno, when Jones needed only to win the last round to preserve his lead and capture the vacant title last held by Sugar Ray Leonard. He didn't, and the bout ended in a draw.

The two tried once more to fill the void—this time at the Dunes Hotel and Casino—and, again, it came down to the 12th. Now, entering the final round, it was Jones ahead by two points on one card, McCrory leading by three on another and everything even on the third.

While McCrory will never make anyone forget about Leonard, he did have enough to thwart the hard-charging Jones when he had to. The tall, lanky boxer from Detroit stood toe-to-toe with Jones and bested him at his own game to capture the split decision.

Judge Anselmo Escobedo had McCrory winning, 115-111, judge Angel Tovar had Jones ahead, 114-113, and judge Ray Solis, who had it even through 11, scored it 115-114 for McCrory.

Few who braved the 106 degree temperature and unusually high 70 percent humidity in the Dunes' outdoor arena complained about the decision. Like the first time, McCrory built up an early lead by sticking and moving. McCrory, 147, led by seven, four, and three points after six rounds. But Jones, 146½, pitched a near shutout from rounds seven through 11 to bring it down to that fateful 12th once again.

Perhaps it was the heat and humidity; after the fight the slow-starting Jones admitted "the climate was getting to me." But while he was pressing McCrory in those later rounds, he wasn't putting punches together; he seldom used his right.

Jones' biggest round was the seventh, when he forced McCrory to the ropes and unloaded with both hands for the final 30 seconds. At the bell, McCrory staggered to his corner and, chest heaving, draped his long arms over the upper strands until his stool finally arrived. But, surprisingly, Jones backed off in the eighth; one judge gave it to Jones, another to McCrory and the third called it even.

But outside of the 12th, the most important round was the first, when, with just seconds remaining, Jones fired a left-

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

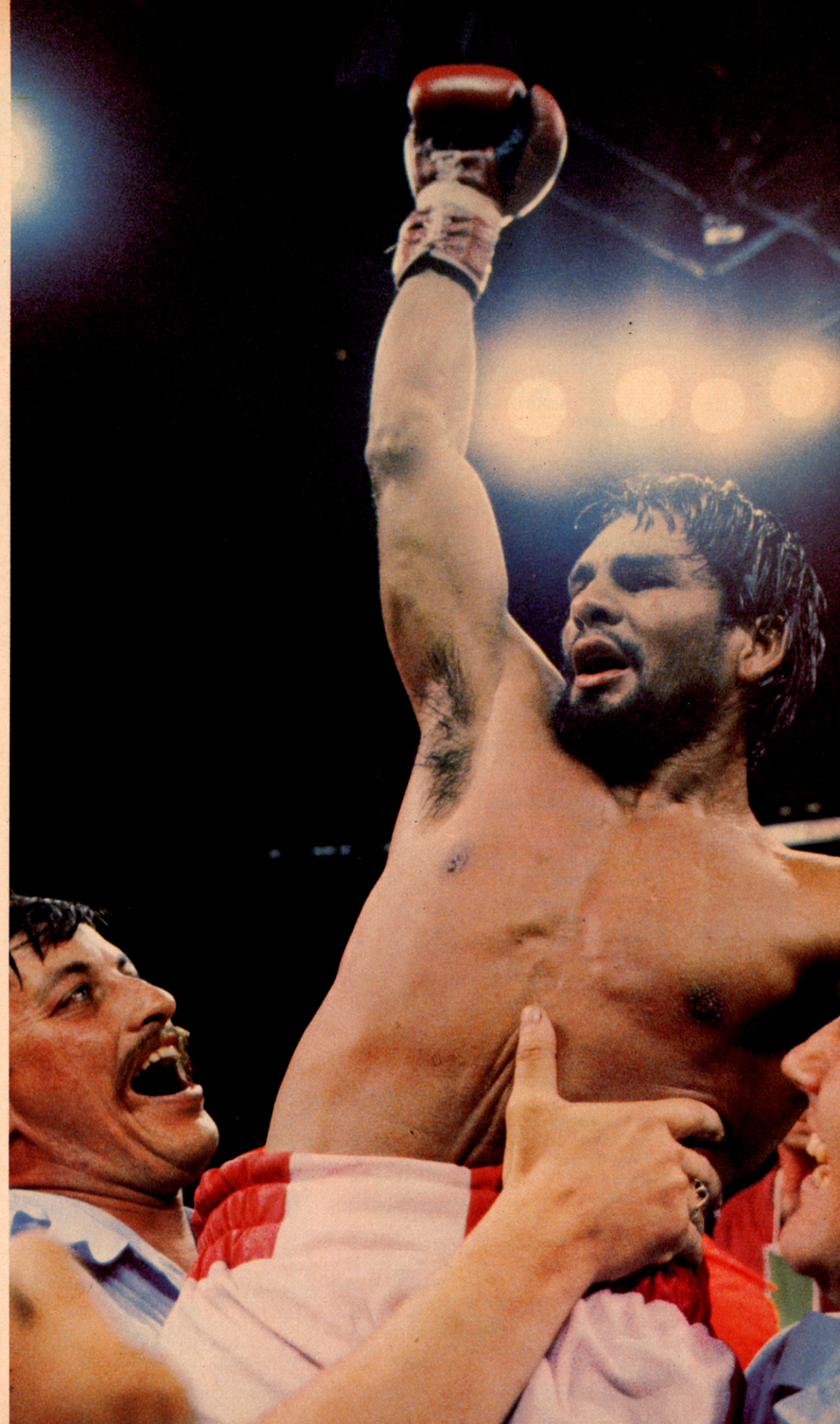
24 ROUNDS AND ONE RIGHT HAND LATER, MILTON McCrory finally emerged the victor over Welshman Colin Jones and filled the WBC version of Sugar Ray Leonard's vacated welterweight title. But it took two fights to do it between the two men whose names will be linked forever, much like Zale and Graziano or Sears and Roebuck. In their first meeting last March, the slicker McCrory built up an early lead only to have the powerful Jones rally in the end to gain a hard-fought draw.

Their rematch was much the same—with one catch. Late in the first round, McCrory landed a beautiful left hook and followed with a smashing right hand that Jones "caught" just before the bell, going down for the first time in his career. Then, in the seventh, it was Jones' turn to land his crunching left hooks with McCrory catching them and barely holding on. Again it came down to the final round and it was McCrory who again won the crucial round, giving him the championship by *one point* after 24 competitive rounds of action. One can only wonder what would have happened had both fights gone the true championship distance of 15 rounds.

Rocky Marciano

EVERLAST

CHAMPION
Marvelous



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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Michael Dokes*** ..... Akron, Ohio
2 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
4 **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
5 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Renaldo Snipes** ..... Yonkers, N.Y.
8 **James Tillis** ..... Chicago, Ill.
9 **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10 **Gerry Cooney** ..... Huntington, N.Y.

11. David Bey, 12. Marvis Frazier, 13. (Tie) Randall Cobb, Trevor Berbick, 15. James Broad, 16. (Tie) S.T. Gordon, Jeff Sims, 18. Frank Bruno, 19. Eddie Lopez, 20. (Tie) Scott Frank, George Chaplin

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
8 **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
10 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Caramanolis, 12. Rudi Koopmans, 13. Ossie Ocasio, 14. (Tie) Eric Winbush, Saad Muhammad, 16. Richie Kates, 17. Yaqui Lopez, 18. Jose Flores, 19. (Tie) Anthony Davis, Fulgencio Obelmejias

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
3 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
8 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
9 **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
10 **John Collins** ..... Chicago, Ill.

11. Bobby Czyz, 12. Bernard Mays, 13. Vinnie Curto, 14. (Tie) Mark Holmes, Wilford Scypion, Leroy Hester, 17. Murray Sutherland, 18. Juan D. Roldan, 19. Roy Gumbs

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
2 **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
3 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Davey Moore** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
6 **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
7 **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
8 **Herol Graham** ..... England
9 **Carlos Herrera** ..... Argentina
10 **Gary Guiden** ..... Muncie, Ind.

11. Carlos Santos, 12. Buster Drayton, 13. Kirkland Laing, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Earl Hargrove, 16. Francisco DeJesus, 17. Sean Mannion, 18. Bushy Bester, 19. Tadashi Mihara

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
5 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
8 **Kevin Howard** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Mauricio Bravo** ..... Venezuela
10 **Bobby Joe Young** ..... Steubenville, O.

11. Pete Ranzany, 12. Milton Guest, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Alfredo Lucero, 15. Tommy Ayers, 16. Carlos Trujillo, 17. Jun-Sok Hwang, 18. Pablo Baez

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
2 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
3 **Bruce Curry**** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4 **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
5 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
6 **Steve Hearon** ..... Houston, Texas
7 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
8 **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
9 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
10 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy

11. Felix Reyes, 12. Clint McKenzie, 13. Hugo Hernandez, 14. Mario Cusson, 15. Alfredo Escalera, 16. Hidekazu Akai, 17. Hugo Hernandez, 18. Reyes Cruz, 19. Willie Rodriguez, 20. Antonio Cervantes

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Ratings as of August 14, 1983

* WBA CHAMPION

** WBC CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
5 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
6 **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.
7 **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
9 **Ken Bogner** ..... Trenton, N.J.
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Alvin Hayes, 12. Melvin Paul, 13. Greg Coverson, 14. Tyrone Crawley, 15. Tony Baltazar, 16. Nick Furlano, 17. Sergio Medina, 18. Lorenzo Garcia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROGER MAYWEATHER* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
2 **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
4 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
6 **Jorge Alvarado** ..... Panama
7 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
8 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** ..... Mexico
9 **Chung-Il Choi** ..... Korea
10 **Ruben Munoz** ..... Dallas, Tex.

11. Il-Bok Lee, 12. Tae-Jin Moon, 13. Yoshimitsu Asato, 14. Edgar Castro, 15. Refugio Rojas, 16. Benedicto Villablanca, 17. Roberto Castanon, 18. (Tie) Eduardo Prieto, Yonekura Ikohni

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Hwan Kil Yuh, 12. Richard Savage, 13. Irving Mitchell, 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Angel Mayor 16. Steve Cruz 17. Loris Stecca 18. (Tie) Reyes Gonzales, Augustin Martinez, Rocky Garcia, Barry McGuigan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
TITLE VACANT

1 **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
3 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
7 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
10 **Felix Rodriguez** ..... Panama

11. Sergio Palma, 12. Carmelo Negron, 13. Oscar Muniz, 14. Jairo Anton, 15. Bernardo Pinango, 16. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 17. (Tie) Julian Solis, Chul Kwon

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
2 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
6 **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Rep.
7 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea
8 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
9 **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson, 12. Kiko Bejines, 13. Paul Ferreri, 14. James Pipps, 15. Eijiro Murata, 16. Daniel Zaragoza, 17. Seung-Hoon Lee, 18. Neptali Alamag, 19. Daniel Blanco, 20. (Tie) Suk-Chul Bae

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHARLIE MAGRI** ..... England
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
4 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
6 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
7 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
8 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
9 **German Torres** ..... Mexico
10 **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama

11. Reinaldo Becerra, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. Frank Cedeno, 14. Hwan-Jin Kim, 15. Amado Ursua, 16. Candido Tellez, 17. Keith Wallace, 18. (Tie) Guty Espadas, Hi-Sup Shin, Ernesto Guevara, 21. (Tie) Juan Diaz, Adrian Roman, 23. (Tie) Tadashi Tomori, Francisco Montiel

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right to the head that dropped Jones. Although Jones was more surprised than hurt, it was a legitimate 10-8 round on the three judges' cards and that was, as it turned out, the difference in who took the split decision.

Paul DeVorce, 127½, Yonkers, New York, won a unanimous decision over Ricky Wallace, 127¼, Youngstown, Ohio, 10. DeVorce is now 20-0. Wallace is 17-3-1.

Dwight Davison, 158¾, Detroit, TKO'd Lindell Holmes, 160½, Detroit, at 1:32 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Davison is now 36-2. Holmes ise 18-2 with 16 kayoes.

James (The Heat) Kinchen, 162, San Diego, TKO'd Juan Diaz, also 162, Harlingen, Texas, at 1:36 of the second round in another scheduled 10. Kinchen is now 31-0-1. Diaz is 25-11. Juan was down three times.

Tom Covington, 174½, Phoenix, TKO'd Keith Vining, 174, Detroit, at 1:39 of the first round in a scheduled four. Covington is now 2-1. Vining is 4-1.

Isaac Herrera (Panama) refereed McCrory-Jones.

Records: McCrory is now 21-0-1 with 17 knockouts. Jones is 24-2-1 with 21 kayoes.

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(08-13-83)

JIM HUNTER

CAMACHO-LIMON
Vacant WBC Junior Lightweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—HECTOR Camacho became the 15th Puerto Rican fighter to win a world title, and the devastating way in which he did it—annihilating Mexico's Rafael (Bazooka) Limon within five rounds—suggests he may well be the greatest yet.

With a jubilant home town crowd of more than 10,000 chanting "Macho! Macho!" in encouragement, Camacho took command from the beginning. Right after the bell sounded for the start of the first round, he showed he was the boss by bullying the bullish Limon into his own corner with a right jab followed by a left. The first two rounds were clearly won by Hector, but it was not until the closing seconds of the third that he became the Macho Man. A sharp left cross dropped Limon just before the bell ended the session.

A concerned Limon came out determined in the fourth, but was unable to mount any kind of attack against the fast stepping, rapid firing Camacho. Rafael was slow afoot, and wild with the famous looping hooks that had been so effective against Bobby Chacon. Either Camacho was too fast, or age had caught up with Bazooka. A barrage had him in bad shape as the round drew to a close.

The fatal fifth saw Hector drop Limon twice before referee Richard Steele called a halt at 2:52. The first knockdown was from a steady barrage to the body, and the second from a follow-up assault that drove Limon through the ropes and practically into the lap of ringside commentator Sugar Ray Leonard. Very ironic, indeed, when one considers that Camacho is the likely heir to Leonard as the world's most popular—and greatest—fighter.

Anyway, so says the Macho Man!

Rafael Caban, 111½, retained his Puerto Rican flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over Edwin DeJesus, also 111½, 12. Caban is now 13-0-1. DeJesus is 8-3-1.

Rafael Solis, 134, Puerto Rico, TKO'd fellow southpaw Benny Marquez, 132½, Chicago, at 2:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Mariano Soto, referee. Solis, 32-2-2, will now meet Cornelius Boza-Edwards, with the winner getting a title shot at Camacho. Marquez is 22-11.

Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 144½, New York, TKO'd Rahdames Garcia, 146½, Dominican Republic, at 1:49 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Rucker is now 26-1. Garcia is 13-3.

Juan Paredes, 126½, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Salgado, 125½, Puerto Rico, 10. Paredes is now 30-6. Salgado is 25-5.

Alberto Mercado, 123, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Manuel Santos, also 123, Puerto Rico, at 1:50 of the sixth round in another scheduled 10.

Victor Paredes, 127½, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Hilberto Benajan, 124½, Puerto Rico, six. Victor is Juan's brother; both are Limon sparring partners.

Camacho weighed 130; Limon, 129½. Records: Camacho is now 22-0 with 12 kayoes. Limon is 47-13-3 with 35 knockouts.

Site—Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Don King Productions. CBS TV.

(08-07-83)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

DeLEON-GORDON
WBC Cruiserweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV—THERE'S A proverb which instructs that, if one can't say anything nice about someone, one shouldn't say anything at all.

Truer words were never spoken when it comes to S.T., Gordon's effort at defending—very unsuccessfully—his World Boxing Council cruiserweight championship against former king Carlos DeLeon at the Dunes Hotel and Casino.

For the grand total of one round—for the record, the third—Gordon, 194½, Los Angeles, fought. The rest of the time, he resembled a giant bookend. Escargots have shown more life.

Gordon simply did not fight. He wasn't aggressive, he didn't put punches together, he didn't do anything—very strange for a man who had won 13 straight fights dating back to 1978. In one round, the 10th, he threw only three—count 'em, three—punches, undoubtedly a WBC title bout record for fighters with two arms.

The only excitement in this dreary affair was in the first, when DeLeon, 191¼, Puerto Rico, knocked down Gordon at the bell, and in the 12th, when the once and future king dumped Gordon again.

Of course, DeLeon never was in trouble; his biggest opponent was the heat at the Dunes' outdoor arena, which topped 100 degrees.

DeLeon, who held the cruiserweight crown during 1980 through 1982, when he was dethroned by Gordon via an early knockout, won by 10 points, 119-109, according to judges Ray Solis and Jose Guerra but by only six, 118-112, on the card of Tomasito Tomihara, who must be an aficionado of plodding.

Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, 229¼, Spain, knocked out Larry Ware, 208, Reno, Nevada, in 2:12 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Mitchell Green, 218, New York, won a unanimous decision over James Dixon, 196¼, Chicago, 10.

Gino Perez, 131¼, Union City, New Jersey, TKO'd Roberto Garcia, 137½, Phoenix, Arizona, at 2:03 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Perez is now 18-1. Garcia is 15-6.

Greg Robinson, 145¼, Philadelphia, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Francisco Escalante, 146½, Las Vegas, four. Escalante is now 2-1.

Carlos Padilla refereed DeLeon-Gordon.

Records: DeLeon is now 33-2-1 with 23 kayoes. Gordon is 24-6 with 21 knockouts.

Don King Productions, Inc. CBS TV.

(07-17-83)

JIM HUNTER

STARLING-AYERS
NABF/USBA Welterweight Titles

IN A 12-ROUND BOUT FOR BOTH the North American Boxing Federation and United States Boxing Association welterweight championships, Marlon Starling, 146¾, Hartford, Conn., successfully defended by taking a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Tommy Ayers, 146½, Cincinnati.

The older and more experienced Starling was just too strong for Ayers, who, surprisingly, cooperated by electing to trade with the champion. Starling punished Ayers' body and scored frequently with uppercuts to the heaad. By the fifth the assault had taken its toll, for now Ayers was no longer getting off first; he was covering up much of the time.

Starling, who has a history of clowning in the ring, a tactic which he admits may have cost him the decision in his World Boxing Association welterweight elimination bout against Don Curry, kept his extracurricular activities to a minimum.

There were no knockdowns. Judge Chuck Minker had Starling winning 116-112, judge Duane Ford scored it 116-113, and judge Charlie Roth had it 115-113.

(07-24-83)

JIM HUNTER

HAMSHO-BENITEZ

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—IT TOOK only moments after Wilfred Benitez's lackluster loss for the rumors to begin flying.

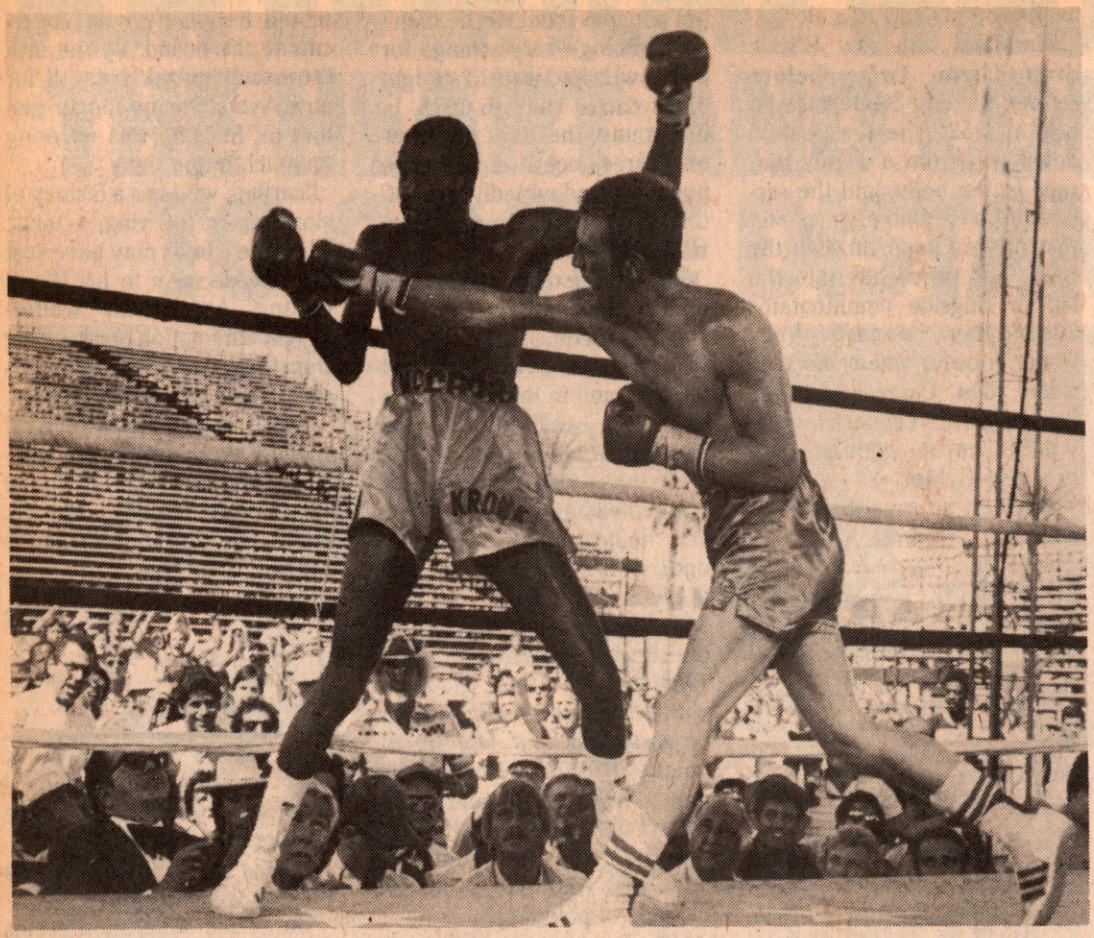
It was the heat. It was his head. It was his heart.

But, since alliteration seems to be prevalent—how about it was Hamsho?

Mustafa Hamsho was the stronger and hungrier fighter in their 12-round World Boxing Council middleweight title elimination bout at the Dunes Hotel and Casino; and he was also the winner.

His lop-sided unanimous decision victory was a marvel in consistency. Not on his part, mind you, but, rather, on the part of Benitez. It takes a special kind of fighter to be disciplined enough to not only stay on the ropes 11 of 12 rounds—but in his own corner the final nine rounds. Benitez moved so little in rounds four through 12 that he didn't have to take more than one step—either left or right—in order to land on his stool for his one-minute rest.

In fact, Benitez would have stayed on the ropes all 12 rounds if not for Hamsho's third-round burst. That was when the Syrian contender pushed, shoved and elbowed the former three-time world champion to the deck four times. Between going down,



getting up and having his gloves dusted off, Benitez didn't have time to lay around.

There were some good punches thrown: Hamsho rocked Benitez with a right to the chin late in the third and shook the Puerto Rican with a left to the head in the 12th; but that was about it.

The longer the fight in the Dunes' outdoor arena progressed, the more apparent it became that, while Benitez, who came in at 157¾, one pound less than Hamsho, was a fine junior welterweight, welterweight and junior middleweight champion, he wasn't quite strong enough to make it all the way as a middleweight. This notion wasn't lost on Jim Jacobs, Benitez' astute manager. The first two-thirds of the fight he was screaming at Benitez to do more, to get off the ropes; by the 11th he was leaning back, laughing away, resigned to the inevitable.

And the judges' decision *was* inevitable; the only suspense was by how large a margin would Hamsho win. Judge Lou Tabat had the New York restauranteer winning 118-109, judge Chuck Minker scored it 118-111, and judge Dalby Shirley had him leading 117-111.

Tim Witherspoon, 218½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Floyd (Jumbo) Cummings, 217, Chicago, 10. Jumbo was down in the second. Witherspoon is now 16-1 with 11 kayoes. Cummings is 15-5-1 with 13 knockouts.

David Bey, 218¾, Philadelphia, knocked out Grady Daniels, 221, Chicago, in 2:01 of the first round in their scheduled 10. The veteran Daniels was counted out when he went down for the second time.

Kevin (E.T.) Moley, 160½, Long Island, New York, won a unanimous verdict over Felton Marshall, 158¾, Los Angeles, 10. Moley is now 15-0 with 13 kayoes.

Records: Hamsho is now 37-2-2 with 22 kayoes. Benitez is 44-5-1 with 13 knockouts.

Don King Productions. ABC TV.

(07-16-83)

JIM HUNTER

LACIAR-SHIN
WBA Flyweight Title

CHEJU DO, KOREA—SANTOS Laciar, Argentina, retained his WBA flyweight crown by stopping Korean challenger Hi-Sup Shin, the OPBF champion, at 1:19 of the first round in a scheduled 15-inning title bout in Cheju Do Gymnasium.

Shin, a southpaw, tried to use his superior speed to stay away from Laciar. However, about 10 seconds into the first stanza, Santos landed a three-punch combination—left uppercut to the body, left hook to the jaw, and a straight right to the chin—that sent him staggering to the ropes. Laciar then swarmed over him with a barrage of punches, and Shin almost went down. His back was to the ropes as referee Zack Clayton gave him a standing eight-count.

Shin gamely resumed fighting, but Laciar battered him again, and Clayton declared another standing eight-count. The 19-year-old Korean was then allowed to fight on, but he was on Queer Street, and Clayton finally stopped the bout.

Laciar thus made about $100,000 for 79 seconds of fighting. Santos is now 53-6-10 with 21 knockouts. Shin is 26-2-1 with 12 kayoes.

Marco Polo once described the Orient as a place of great riches. It's certainly been that for Laciar and his manager, Tito Lectoure. They made a bundle when Santos stopped Shuichi Hozumi in Shizuoka, Japan on May 5.

Soon-Jun Kang, 111¾, won a unanimous decision over Noel Tibay, 110½, Philippines, 10. Kang, the WBA's 10th ranked flyweight, is now 15-3-1 with no kayoes. Tibay is 15-3-1 with five knockouts.

Yun-Ri Moon, 111, won the vacant Korean flyweight title by outscoring Kwang-Ho Song, 111½, 10. Moon is now 11-3-2 with no knockouts. Song is 5-2 with four kayoes.

Chang-Yung Chang, 109¾, outpointed Suk-Keun Song, 110¼, six.

Four-rounders: Chong-Ha Jin, 130¼, outpointed Hyun-Il Kim, 129¼. Sok-Pil Chang, 112, halted Sam-Hak Ahn, 113, at 1:23 of the fourth round in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

WBA witness—Nick Kerasiotis (U.S.A.).

(07-17-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

BLAKE-BALTAZAR

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—UNDEFEATED Robin Blake not only won over Las Vegas fight fans, but established himself as one of the best—some are saying the very best—lightweights in the world today with a convincing ninth round technical knockout over talented Tony Baltazar at the Showboat Hotel.

The young Texas southpaw officially ended it at 1:12 of the ninth, but the beginning of the end came late in the eighth round. A short right-left-right to the head hurt and dropped Baltazar, but the bell sounded before Blake, 136¼, Levelland, Texas, could finish the job.

Baltazar, 137, LaPuente, Calif., got no such reprieve in the ninth. A lightning-fast 12-punch barrage floored Tony in the opening seconds. Then, just seconds after he struggled to his feet, Blake leaped forward and landed a devastating right-left to the head that forced referee Davey Pearl to halt the fight.

Not only was it a performance that displayed all of Blake's considerable talents, it convinced skeptical Las Vegas fight fans that the youngster is for real. Less than two months earlier, the highly-touted Blake had come to the Showboat and dispatched an outclassed J.C. Kim in the first. The rumbling following that mismatch was that Blake hadn't shown anybody anything.

But he did against Baltazar. He has good power, stamina, hand speed, and smarts; better than average defense; and, at 6′1¾″, excellent height and reach.

MAYWEATHER-VILLABLANCA
WBA Junior Lightweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—IT TOOK ALL of three minutes for the Avis of the 130-pound division to prove that the gap between him and Hertz is rapidly closing.

Roger Mayweather, the World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion and, until now, held in somewhat lesser esteem than his more flashy and publicized World Boxing Council counterpart, Hector (Macho) Camacho, put it all together, convincingly and quickly, at the expense of "Uncrowned Champion" Benedicto Villablanca.

Mayweather, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich. who has lived in Las Vegas since turning pro only 17 fights and 25 short months ago, destroyed Villablanca, the WBA's number four-ranked contender from Chile, knocking him flat on his back in 3:00 even of the first round in their title bout at the Showboat Hotel and Casino.

It was a devastating right to the head that allowed referee Roberto Ramirez to count out Villablanca.

Of course, the 22-year-old Mayweather softened up Villablanca during the previous two minutes, 50 seconds. A right to the head followed by—surprising in a young boxer with so relatively little experience—a left and two more rights to the body crumpled Villablanca for a seven-count less than a half minute before the clincher.

"I'm a fast starter," deadpanned Mayweather after the fight.

"That left to the body is what really hurt him," continued the 5-foot-7½-inch Mayweather. "That took its toll."

Although it was quick, Mayweather did show he's learning and improving each time out. Just a lanky kid with hand and foot speed to burn when he first turned pro, he began to show signs of real power in his 10th fight, in July, 1982. Under the tutelage of manager Billy Baxter and trainer Jesse Reid, he progressed from just a stick-and-move boxer to a boxer-puncher by the time he dethroned Samuel Serrano in January. Now he proved he can work to the body.

The fight was a near sell-out—despite weather which caused flash flooding throughout Las Vegas.

Azumah Nelson, 126¾, Ghana, TKO's Alvin Fowler, 126¾, St. Louis, at 0:41 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Freddie Jackson, 117¾, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Javier Barajas, also 117¾, Tucson, 10.

Milton Guest, 147¾, Yonkers, won a unanimous verdict over Chuck Peralta, 147, Phoenix, 10.

David Bey, 223¾, Philadelphia, knocked out Alf Coffin, 203½, Kansas City, in 3:03 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Bey is still unbeaten.

Irving Mitchell, 129½, San Diego, won a unanimous decision over Eduardo Prieto, 128¼, Chile, 10.

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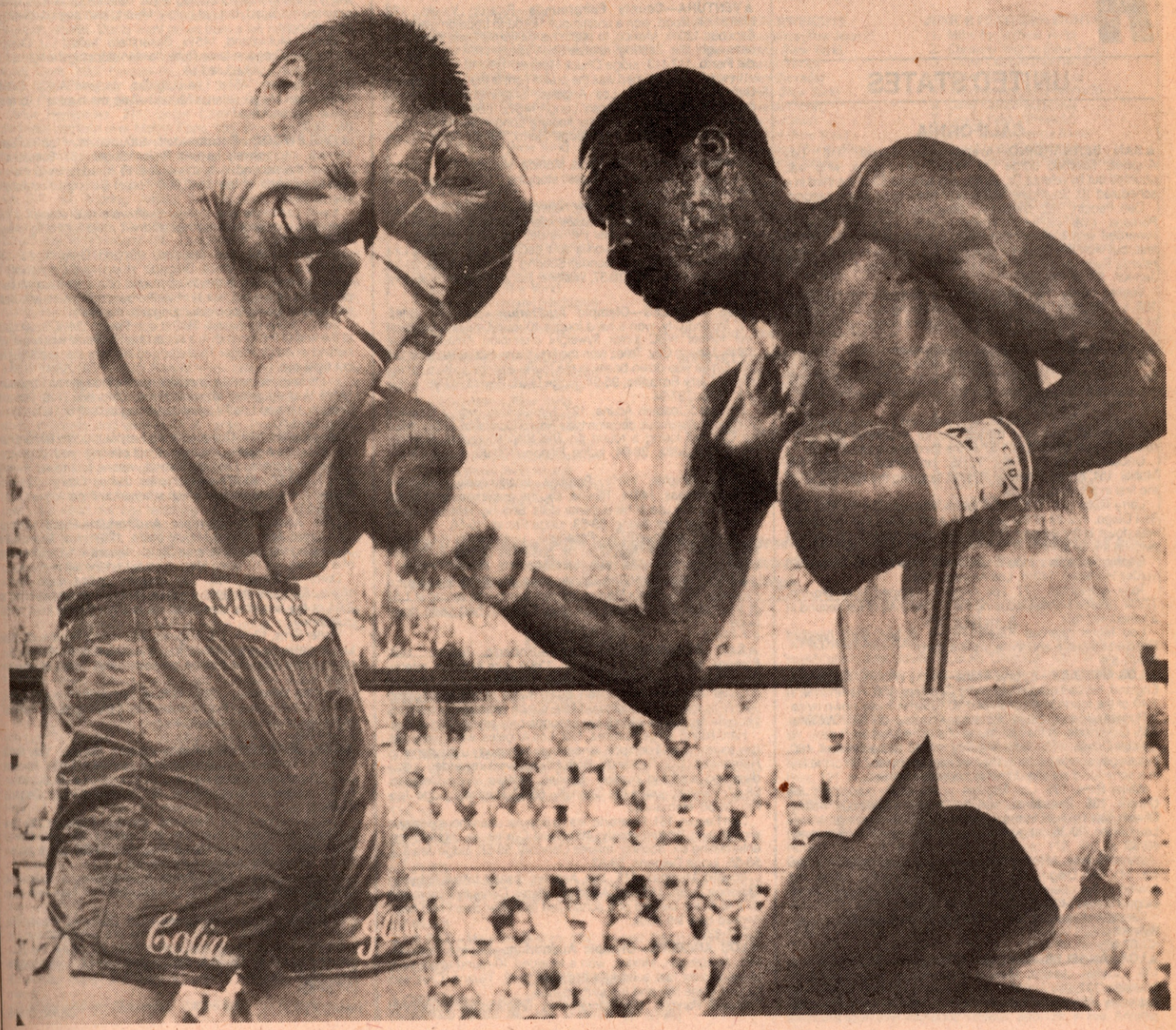
JIM HUNTER



RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Juan Garcia, 116, Los Angeles, flattened Jorge De Alma, 118, Tijuana, who was counted out by referee Dr. James Jen-Kin at 2:59 of the third in a scheduled 10. Southpaw Garcia had been down in the second.

Dan Paquin, 162, Riverside, drew with Jose Delgado, 162, Pomona, over six very exciting rounds, both boxers being rewarded with a standing ovation. Delgado was floored in the first, but won the last two rounds to pull out the draw. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 57-57; judge John Thomas, 57-57; judge Jen-Kin, 57-56, Delgado.

Warren Hardy, 162, West Covina, outslugged Joe Esquevel, 165, Los Angeles, referee Thomas intervening at 1:20 of the third in a scheduled six when Esquevel stopped punching back.
(07-01-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Jihad Kareem, 156½, Los Angeles, kayoed late substitute Hector Rivera, 156½, Santa Ana, in 0:37 of the third in a scheduled 10. Rivera, at least 10 pounds overweight, was also floored with one second remaining in the second round.

Joe Ruiz, 138¼, Santa Monica, defeated Eduardo Marquez, 138, Mexicali, who was disqualified for excessive fouling by referee Chuck Hassett at 1:57 of the third in a scheduled six.

Unbeaten Derreck Kelly, 151½, Hollywood, stopped Joe Mollier, 151, Arcadia, referee Hassett stopping the fight at 2:48 of the first in a scheduled six.

Larry Musgrove, 178, Los Angeles, kayoed Mike Randle, 178, San Diego, in 2:49 of the second in a scheduled five. Musgrove was down in the second; Randle was down once in the first and twice in the second.

Danny Venegas, 141, Bakersfield, unanimously outscored Valdez Hubbard, 140½, Los Angeles, five.

Tony Willingham, 177, Los Angeles, stopped Mike Bloxton, 177¾, referee Hassett stopping the fight at 0:40 of the second in a scheduled four.

Lou Moret refereed Kareem-Rivera. Robert Byrd handled Randle-Musgrove and Venegas-Hubbard.
(07-01-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Nicky Wilshire, 155, Bristol, England, kayoed outclassed Pedro Guerrero, 156, Hawthorne, in 1:49 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. Guerrero was down twice.

Roberto Juarez, 138¼, Pomona, knocked out J.D. Williams, 138, Oceanside, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Scott Ochoa, 159, Salt Lake City, halted Louie Ornelas, 160, Los Angeles, referee John Thomas intervening at 2:05 of the first in a scheduled six after Ornelas had been floored.

Walter Sims, 135, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Joe Olivera, 135, Pasadena, four, confirming a previous victory. Olivera was decked in the first and the fourth. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 39-36; judge Thomas, 39-36; judge Chuck Hassett, 40-35.

Glenn McGee, 141¾, Los Angeles, easily outpointed Willy Garcia, 141, San Diego, over four, not losing a round. Garcia was floored in the opening session. Scoring: referee Filippo, 40-35; judge Thomas, 40-35; judge Hassett, 40-34.

Hassett refereed Wilshire-Guerrero. Thomas handled Juarez-Williams.
(07-07-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Sergio Medina, 136, Ocatlan, Jalisco, Mexico, unanimously outpointed Mike Andeson, 137, Los Angeles, 10. Anderson, down in the second, lost every round after the first. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 99-90; judge Pat Connolly, 99-89; judge Rudy Jordan, 99-89.

Rene Arredondo, 143, Los Angeles, was floored by a left jab early in the first round, but came back to halt Andrew Wynn, 144½, Los Angeles. Referee Jordan intervened at 2:43 of the first in a scheduled eight after Wynn had been decked for the third time.

Sylvester Lee (4-0), 204, Los Angeles, won a five-round majority decision over previously unbeaten Frank Garcia, 206½, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Connolly, 49-47; judge Jordan, 49-49; judge Rozadilla, 49-47.

Alvin Brown, 122, Los Angeles, kayoed Rolando Rodriguez, 121, Tijuana, referee Connolly intervening at 1:04 of the second of a scheduled six after Rodriguez had been floored for the third time.

Hector Ramos, 140, East Los Angeles, stopped game Martin Lujan, 138½, Santa Ana, referee Connolly stopping the bout at 1:25 of the sixth and final round. Ramos was down and saved by the bell in the fourth, but he was still ahead on points when he floored Lujan twice in the sixth.
(07-08-83)

▲**VENTURA—County Fairgrounds**—Ricardo Varela, 122, North Hollywood, won a unanimous 12-round decision over Tony Escobar, 120½, Mexico, to retain his California State super bantamweight title. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 118-113; judge Eddie Fierro, 117-113; judge Chuck Hassett, 117-110.

In what some claimed was the prelim fight of the year, unbeaten Derrick Kelly, 146½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Alfonso Long, 145½, Los Angeles, over eight, Kelly taking charge after flooring Long in the fourth. Scoring: referee Hassett, 77-75; judge Fierro, 78-76; judge Filippo, 78-75.

John Hackleman, 173, Santa Monica, stopped Troy Vaughn, 173, Los Angeles, referee Hassett stopping the fight at the end of the fourth of a scheduled six.

Paul Barton, 140, South Gate, halted Juan Manuel Hernandez, 140, Los Angeles, referee Hassett intervening at 2:00 of the second in a scheduled six after Hernandez had been floored.

John Watkins, 122½, won a split decision over Richard Lira, 120, in the opening four-rounder. Scoring: referee Hassett, 39-38, Watkins; judge Fierro, 38-37, Watkins; judge Filippo, 39-36, Lira.
(07-13-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Candido Tellez, 112, Mexico City, won a hard fought 10-round majority decision over former WBC junior flyweight champion Amado Ursua, 109¾, Mexico City. Tellez won the first six rounds, Ursua the last four. Ursua was down briefly in the fourth and the sixth. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 96-94; judge Gwen Farrell, 98-98; judge Lou Filippo, 97-94.

Energetic Joaquin Acuna, 127, Mexico City, won a lopsided 10-round unanimous decision over Reyes Gonzalez, 125½, Mexico City, not losing a round on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 98-94; judge Filippo, 100-90; judge Farrell, 100-92.

Ismael Templos, 151½, Pomona, unanimously outpointed Rodolfo Villegas, 149½, Tijuana, six, the apprehensive Villegas not making full use of his superior skills. Scoring: referee Filippo, 59-55; judge Dick Young, 59-53; judge Farrell, 60-56.

Alonzo Hidalgo, 127½, Pasadena, unanimously outscored Elfago Sosa, 126½, Acapulco, six. Sosa was decked in the first, second, and third. Dick Young refereed.

Darrell Hollowell, 162½, Los Angeles, stopped debuting Ed Pagliano, 163½, Santa Monica, referee Young intervening at 1:51 of the first in a scheduled four after Pagliano had been down twice.
(07-14-83)

▲**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Roberto Juarez, 140, Pomona, stopped Mike Anderson, 138¼, Los Angeles, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervening at 2:03 of the fourth in a scheduled 10 after Anderson had been down twice. Anderson floored Juarez in the first, but showed little punch resistance—perhaps because he had fought 10 hard rounds only seven days earlier.

Hard hitting Jorge Ramirez, 122, Los Angeles, was a very narrow six-round split decision winner over previously unbeaten Luis Hernandez, 122, Redlands. Both boxers were rewarded with a deserved standing ovation. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 58-57, Ramirez; judge Pat Connolly, 58-57, Ramirez; judge Jen-Kin, 58-56, Hernandez.

Dan Paquin, 161, Riverside, was a popular unanimous decision winner over Warren Hardy, 160, West Covina, in another very entertaining six. Scoring: referee Connolly, 58-56; judge Jen-Kin, 58-56; judge Delgado, 59-57.

Rogelio Martinez, 112, Los Angeles, halted fellow debutant Clarence Swan, 113, Los Angeles, referee Connolly intervening at 2:48 of the second of a scheduled four after Swan had been decked by a left hook.
(07-15-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Rene Arredondo, 140, Apatzingan, Mexico, won a lopsided 10-round unanimous decision over late substitute Leo Cruz, 142, Tijuana. Cruz was floored in the fifth and the sixth rounds.

Miguel Pantoja, 118, Sacramento, unanimously outpointed game Antonio Gonzales, 118½, Tijuana, six, not losing a round.

Richie Fowler, 135, Albuquerque, kayoed Eduardo Marquez, 135, Los Angeles, with only one second left in the sixth and final round. Marquez was down in the second and the sixth, and lost points for fouls in the third and fourth.

Walter Sims, 137, Los Angeles, won a clear six-round unanimous decision over southpaw Conrad Maze, 135, Albuquerque.

Nick Delong, 228, Long Beach, kayoed Kenny Starks, 220, Stockton, in 0:38 of the third in a scheduled four.

Vince Delgado refereed Arredondo-Cruz; Robert Ryrd handled Pantoja-Gonzales and Delong-Starks; Larry Rozadilla was the third man for Fowler-Marquez and Sims-Maze.
(07-21-83)

▲**CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building**—Eric Madrid, 133, Sylmar, stopped Rick Ramos, 134, in 0:38 of the second in a scheduled 10, referee Lou Moret intervening after Ramos had been floored for the fourth time.

Elias Madrid, 131½, Sylmar, kayoed Billy Boyd, 130, in 2:41 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Referee Dr. James Jen-Kin counted out Boyd, but not before Madrid had been decked by a straight right.

Dennis Mulholland, 145½, Bakersfield, halted L.J. Canty, in 143¼, San Diego, referee Rudy Jordan stopping the fight at 1:42 of the fifth in a scheduled six.

Rich Buque, 145½, Los Angeles, stopped Adrian Oviedo, 143¼, San Diego, referee Moret halting the bout at 1:08 of the first in a scheduled five.
(07-22-83)

▲**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Jeff Stoudemire, 158¾, Santa Monica, impressively kayoed Ricky Weigel, 157, Pasadena, in 1:53 of the second in a scheduled 10 to advance to the middleweight finals of the $140,000 Forum Boxing Championship Tournament.

Kevin Lampkins and Connie Swift were also winners in their semi-final tournament matches and will meet for the lightweight championship.

Lampkins, 130, Los Angeles, stopped Greg Triplett, 134, Pasadena, referee Vince Delgado stopping the fight with 11 seconds remaining in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Lampkins was down but not hurt in the second. Triplett was badly dazed after being floored by a right in the fourth.

Swift, 134½, Lynwood, TKO'd Joe Perez, 134½, South Gate, at the end of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Perez was hopelessly behind when Dr. Roger Thiel stopped the fight after examining his cut right eye.

In the featured non-tournament match, Hedgemon Robertson, 145½, Los Angeles, stopped Frankie Moultrie, 146, Portland, Oregon, referee Lou Filippo intervening at 0:43 of the fourth in a scheduled 10.

Mike Sedillo, 179, Chino, unanimously outpointed Richard Harrell, 181, Los Angeles, six, Harrell not offering much opposition.

Manuel Lanela, 129, Inglewood, was a four-round majority (38-38, 39-37, 40-37) winner over James Dowell, 126, Los Angeles, a points margin which seemed to flatter Manuel.
(07-25-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Pedro Montero, 129, Santa Ana, TKO'd Miguel Meza, 129½, Los Angeles, the bout being stopped by referee Chuck Hassett at 1:11 of the fourth of a scheduled 10 when Meza was cut on the left eyebrow.

Darryl Hollowell, 165, Los Angeles, halted Mario Ramos, 163½, East Los Angeles, referee Rudy Jordan intervening at 2:04 of the first in a scheduled six to save Ramos from further punishment.

Walter Sims, 134½, Los Angeles, and Hector Ramos, 135, East Los Angeles, fought to a third round technical draw when Ramos, down in the first and behind on points, was cut by an unintentional butt.

Pancho Velasquez, 133, Whittier, stopped Miguel Rodela, 129½, Los Angeles, referee Robert Byrd halting the bout at 2:57 of the second in a scheduled four.
(07-28-83)

▲**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Martin Galvan, 132, Santa Paula, unanimously outpointed Manuel Abedoy, 131, Pomona, over 10 crowd pleasing rounds. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 96-95; judge Armando Muniz, 97-96; judge Vince Delgado, 97-94.

Luis Hernandez, 122, Redlands, and Sam Espinosa, 123, Santa Paula, ended up all even after six rounds of sensational toe-to-toe slugging. Scoring: referee Delgado, 58-58; judge Jordan, 58-57, Hernandez; judge Muniz, 58-58.

Miguel Juarez, 140, Pomona, unanimously outpointed debuting Keith Marshall, 139, Los Angeles, four. Both were down in the first.

Debuting Lorenzo Rodriguez, 135, flattened Derrick Hill, 135½, Los Angeles, in 0:52 of the first in a scheduled four.

Alberto Garcia, 111½ and Walter Tojin, 113, drew, four. Scoring: referee Muniz, 38-38; judge Delgado, 39-38, Tojin; judge Jordan, 39-38, Garcia.
(07-29-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

NEW YORK

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Three 10-rounders headlined.

Eddie Gregg, 210, Kew Gardens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Walter Santemore, 226, New Orleans. Scoring: Artie Aidala, 9-1 (10-1 in points); Carlos DeJesus, 9-1; Victor Suarez, 8-2. Vincent Rainone, referee. Gregg is now 16-0-1 with 15 kayoes. Santemore is 21-12 with nine knockouts.

Alvino Mason, 173½, Anderson, Indiana, took out Phil Capobianco, 175½, Huntington, New York, with three knockdowns in 2:59 of the second. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. Manson is now 12-3 with nine knockouts. Capobianco is 12-2 with nine kayoes.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 120½, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, knocked out Robert Mullins, 123½, Spartanburg, South Carolina, in 2:12 of the third round. Nicasio L. Drake, referee. Mullins was also down twice in the first round and once in the second. Vasquez is now 12-1-1 with 10 kayoes. Mullins is 3-11-1 with 23 knockouts.

Ivan Montalvo, 135½, San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Herb Darity, 136½, Hartford, Conn., eight. Scoring: Aidala, 7-1 (9-1); DeJesus, 7-1; Suarez, 6-2. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. Darity went down from a left hook in the final round.

Larry Alexander, 224, New York, won a majority decision over Woody Clark, 200, Fayetteville, North Carolina, six. Scoring: Aidala, 3-3; DeJesus, 4-2; Suarez, 3-2-1. Vincent Rainone, referee. (This was originally scheduled as an eight-round bout.)

Carlos Hernandez, 211, Union City, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Melvin Epps, 190, Brooklyn, New York, six. Scoring: Aidala and Suarez, both 6-0; DeJesus, 5-0-1, calling the first session even. Nicasio L. Drake, referee.

Joey Caraballo, 128, Bronx, New York, won a unanimous decision over Guillo de la Rosa (AKA Tirso Marte), 126, Santo Domingo, D.R., six. Scoring: Aidala, 5-1; DeJesus, 4-1-1; Suarez, 3-2-1. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Andy Schott, 160¾, New Paltz, New York, won a unanimous decision over Tony Hodges, 162, Long Island City, New York, six. Scoring: Aidala, 6-0 (7-0); DeJesus, 6-0; Suarez, 4-2. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Santos Vilella, 139, Spanish Harlem, New York, won a unanimous decision over Kelvin Louis, also 139, Portsmith, Virginia, four. Scoring: Aidala and Suarez, both 3-1; DeJesus, 4-0. Nicasio L. Drake, referee. Louis was down in the first.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(07-22-83)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—The boxing career of Kew Gardens favorite Michael de la Rue is apparently over. For nine rounds, de la Rue, 152, worked inside to the body of Robert Adams, 151, Philadelphia, his previous (and only) conqueror, scoring effectively and leading on all cards. Then, at the beginning of the 10th, referee Luis Rivera had both fighters touch gloves. As they stepped back, de la Rue tried to throw a right hand "sucker" punch when—WHAM—the Philly gym-wise Adams beat him to it with a shattering left hook that knocked the blond slugger unconscious. He lay spread eagled on the canvas, dead to the world, his legs twitching as immediate aid was supplied by New York Commission medicos.

Mike was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital for observation, but was released shortly after. He wants another bout with Adams; his parents want Michael to quit.

Let's hope he does.

Scoring after nine: Carol Castellano 7-2 (9-3), Peter Heller, 5-3-1 (6-4); Simon Ramos, 6-3 (7-4)—all for de la Rue. Adams is now 11-6-1 with five kayoes. De la Rue winds up at 13-2-1 with 11 knockouts.

Billy Parks, 141, New Orleans, TKO'd Pete Padilla, 139, Bronx, New York, at 0:49 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Herb Kronowitz, referee. Scoring after eight: Castellano, 4-3-1; Heller, 5-3; Ramos, 4-4 (5-4)—all for Parks. Billy is now 24-2-4 with 15 kayoes. Padilla is 16-5-1 with two knockouts.

Elijah Muhammad, 129, Newark, New Jersey, won a split decision over Tomas Diaz, 132, Brooklyn, New York, eight. Randy Neumann, referee. Scoring: Castellano, 5-2-1, Muhammad; Heller, 4-3-1, Muhammad; Ramos, 5-3, Diaz.

Al Santana, 148, Brooklyn, won a majority verdict over Zoila Carmona, 151, Santurce, P.R., six. Scoring: Castellano, 4-1-1; Heller, 5-0-1 (6-1); Ramos, 3-3. Herb Kronowitz, referee. Carmona was down in the first round.

Victor Felder, 176, New York, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Ross, also 176, New York, four. Jim Santa, referee. Scoring: Castellano, 4-0; Heller and Ramos, both 3-1.

Jakey Winters, 165, Macon, Georgia, won a unanimous duke over Amir Ali, 167, Philadelphia, four. Scoring: Castellano, 3-1 (4-1); Heller, 3-0-1 (5-0); Ramos, 3-0-1 (5-1). Luis Rivera, referee. Ali was down in the first, second, and third sessions. Winters went down in round two.

Na-Eem Muhammad, 129, Newark, and Cesar Castro, 128, drew in the four-round opener. Scoring: Castellano, 2-1-1, Muhammad; Heller and Ramos, both 2-2. Randy Neumann, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello. (08-05-83) H G. GOLDMAN

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Greg Page (Kentucky)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. John Tate (Tennessee)
7. James Tillis (Illinois)
8. Gerry Cooney (New York)
9. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
10. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Davis (New York)
4. John Davis (New York)
5. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
6. S. T. Gordon (Nevada)
7. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
8. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Larry Lane (N. Carolina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
3. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
4. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
5. James Kinchen (California)
6. James Green (New Jersey)
7. Alex Ramos (New York)
8. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
9. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
10. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Mike McCallum (New York)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
7. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
8. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
9. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
10. Gary Guiden (Indiana)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
4. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
5. Milton Guest (New York)
6. Pete Ranzany (California)
7. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
8. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
9. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
10. Lupe Aquino (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
2. Saoul Mamby (New York)
3. Steve Hearon (Texas)
4. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
7. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
8. Robert Rucker (New York)
9. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
10. Joe Manley (New Jersey)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
2. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
3. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
4. Robin Blake (Texas)
5. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
6. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
7. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
8. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Tyrone Crawley (Washington, D.C.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
2. Johnny de La Rosa (Florida)
3. Refugio Rojas (California)
4. Louis Burke (New Mexico)
5. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
6. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
7. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
8. Hector Cortes (California)
9. Dennis Cruz (New York)
10. Tony Santana (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Jose Caba (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Ruben Castillo (California)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
9. Irving Mitchell (California)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Mike Ayala (New York)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. Oscar Muniz (California)
5. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
6. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Lopez (California)
10. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. David Johnson (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Alonso Gonzales (California)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
5. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
6. Henry Brent (New York)
7. Ian Clyde (California)
8. Ramon Perez (Puerto Rico)
9. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
10. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)

The U.S. ratings were compiled by the editors, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on The Ring's International Ratings Panel. Boxers claiming world titles are not listed in the U.S. ratings.

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ENSENADA—Rafael (Caballo) Corona, 159, TKO'd Gonzalo (Raton) Montes, 160, in four to win the Mexican middleweight title. Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 145, outscored Ruben Delgado, 146, 10. (06-16-83)

▲TIJUANA—Martin Torres, 119, won by a disqualification over Mario Chavez, 118, in five. Julio Valle, 125, stopped Armando Reyes, 126, in two. Enrique Aguilar, 116, outpointed Freddie Santos, 115, eight. Manuel Madrid, 135, outscored Carlos Chavez, 134, six. (06-20-83)

▲LA PAZ—Primo Rojas, 138, TKO'd Othoniel Lopez, 139, in eight. (07-01-83)

▲TIJUANA—Arturo (King Kong) Diaz, 202, won the Mexican heavyweight title by outpointing Fernando (Toro) Montes, 208, 12. (07-04-83)

▲LA PAZ—Mauricio Beltran, 124, kayoed Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 125, in three. (07-08-83)

CHIHUAHUA

▲CHIHUAHUA—Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 108, chilled Jose (Bazookita) Zavala, also 108, in seven. (07-01-83)

COAHUILA

▲PIEDRAS NEGRAS—Julio (Yul) Cardona, 108, won by a disqualification over Javier (Susuki) Chibuya, 107, in six. Mario (Veneno) Rodriguez, 134, outscored Rafael Chavez, 135, 10. (06-17-83)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲MEXICO CITY—Jose Mujica, 111, TKO'd Jesus Tejeda, 112, in six. Jose Pineda, 117, TKO'd Ricardo Gonzalez, also 117, in four. Jose Escamilla, 116, TKO'd Nabor Flores, 117, in four. Jose Luis Bautista, 119, outscored Javier Torres, also 119, six. Francisco Ruiz, 121, outpointed Jamie Martinez, 120, six. (06-15-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Augustin (Changa) Macias, 125, TKO'd Elpidio Infante, 126, in five. Carlos Linares, 122, TKO'd Guillermo Oliva, also 122, in five. Augustin Vicenteno, 135, outscored Ruben Lira, 134, eight. Arturo Mendoza, 112, TKO'd Pedro Gatica, 111, in five. Oscar Correa, 136, kayoed Luciano Ramirez, 135, in four. (06-18-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Rafael Morales, 111, TKO'd Javier Esquivel, 113, in nine. Sergio Aguirre, 134, TKO'd Chucho Ramirez in three. Donaciano Escamilla, 125, TKO'd Manuel Pichardo, also 125, in two. Vicente Velazco, 125, TKO'd Rodolfo Zepeda, 26, in one. Armando Ortiz, 118, TKO'd Jesus Galicia, 117, in two. (06-22-83)

▲MEXICO CITY—Javier Davila, 110, halted Candelario (Changuito) Carmona, 111, in two. Mario Marin, 135, won by a disqualification over Armando Velazco, also 135, in five. Antonio

Diaz, 119, TKO'd Samuel Diaz, 117, in one. Ciro Armengod, 124, TKO'd Fidel Cruz, 125, in three. Salvador Zamora, 115, outpointed Albino Degollado, 116, six. Gregorio Narciso, 114, outscored Jorge Alvarez, 115, four.
(06-25-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Ricardo Sosa, 108, outscored Efren Pinto, 109, 10. Mucio Nava, 135, won by a disqualification over Ricardo Maldonado, also 135, in three. Ricardo Magallanes, 159, outscored Martin Chavez, 158, six. Juan Camacho, 135, TKO'd Jose Cruz, 134, in five. Herminio Hernandez, 119, TKO'd Ricardo Santana, 120, in four.
(06-29-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Javier Lucas, 113, TKO'd Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 112, in four. Miguel Angel Dominguez, 112, TKO'd Agustin Resendiz, 111, in six. Noe Gonzalez, 112, TKO'd Marcos Guzman, 114, in two. Ricardo Aguilar, 117, TKO'd Miguel Ordonez, 116, in five. Juan Coyote, 114, outpointed Oscar Ortiz, also 114, four.
(07-02-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 125, outpointed Miguel Angel Alvarez, also 125, 10. Sergio Aguirre, 136, outscored Salvador (Negro) Torres, also 136, 10. Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 124, knocked out Felipe Rocha, also 124, in two. Sergio Moreno, 111, TKO'd Jacinto Gutierrez, 112, in four. Javier Varela, 136, TKO'd Mario Medel, 134, in three.
(07-09-83)

GUERRERO

▲**ACAPULCO**—Julio (Rubia) Avendano, 130, knocked out Jesus Chavez, 131, in five.
(06-24-83)

OAXACA

▲**Salina Cruz**—Carlos Mendoza, 124, Panama, stopped Silvino Valencia, also 124, in seven.
(07-01-83)

PUEBLA

▲**PUEBLA**—Memo Miranda, 134, kayoed Rigoberto Herrera, 135, in two.
(06-15-83)

QUINTANA ROO

▲**CHETUMAL**—Mario Diaz, 127, outpointed Marco (Panaderito) Ricalde, 129, 10. Jorge Cano, 109, won a technical decision over Javier (Candelita) Varquez, 108, in the 10th and final session. Kid Bronco, 111, outscored Luis Aguilar, 109, eight. Sameul Pinto, 125, and Kid Cheturnal, also 125, drew, six. Jesus Roquena, 117, stopped Juan Concha, 116, in one.
(06-17-83)

SINALOA

▲**CULIACAN**—David (Maceton) Cabrera, 176, TKO'd Danny Gonzalez, 174, in three. Fidel Martinez, 116, outpointed Miguel Espinosa, 115, 10.
(06-24-83)

▲**CULIACAN**—Mauricio Beltran, 125, outpointed Herminio Delgado, also 125, 10.
(07-01-83)

SONORA

▲**HERMOSILLO**—Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 115, halted Jorge de Jesus, 116, in two.
(06-12-83)

▲**NAVOJOA**—Chocolate Zambrano, 124, outscored Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 10.
(06-30-83)

TAMAULIPAS

▲**MATAMOROS**—Rafael Gandarilla, 125, outpointed Miguel Angel Alvarez, 126, 10.
(05-07-83)

▲**CIUDAD MANTE**—Jose Mireles, 159, outscored Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 162, 10.
(06-16-83)

YUCATAN

▲**MERIDA**—Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, 134, won the vacant Mexican lightweight crown by halting Vicente Saldivar Mijares, also 134, in the 12th and final round. Rodolfo (Colorina) Ortega, 116, outscored Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 115, 10. Babe Luis, 108, retained his Yucatan State junior flyweight title by outpointing Santiago Mendez, also 108, 12. Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 108, TKO'd Raul Dominguez, also 108, in six. Damian Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Carlos (Calin) Castro, in the 10th and final round.
(06-25-83)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲**USHUAIA**—Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez retained his Argentine junior featherweight title by stopping Adolfo Felice in 10.
(07-06-83)

▲**DOLORES**—Jorge (Violin) Salgado, won the vacant Argentine light heavyweight crown with a unanimous decision over veteran Pedro Cesar Duarte, 12.
(07-08-83)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Hector Ruben Zamaro retained his Argentine cruiserweight title with a disqualification victory over Candido Barrera in six.
(07-08-83)

▲**CORDOBA**—Junior welterweights Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez and Julio Melone had their scheduled 10 declared "no contest" in the third round due to an accidental clash of heads.
(07-08-83)

▲**RIO CUARTO**—Victor Robledo halted Irineo Cabera in five, light heavies.
(07-08-83)

▲**SANTA FE**—Juan Carlos Fernandez outscored Angel Salinas, 10, light heavies.
(07-08-83)

▲**VICUNA MACKENNA**—South American bantamweight champion Jose Rufino Narvaez and Juan Carlos Cortes drew, 10.
(07-09-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Welterweight Ramon Abeldano and junior middleweight Ricardo Carballo drew, 10.
(07-09-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Unbeated bantamweight Oscar (Rocky) Flores halted Roberto Sanchez in four.
(07-13-83)

▲**CORDOBA**—Former WBA junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Armando Romero, 10.
(07-15-83)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Ruben Stamulis outscored Ramon Collado, 10, junior lights. (07-15-83)

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS
(as of August 1, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
3. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
4. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
5. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
6. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
7. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
8. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
9. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
10. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
11. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
12. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
13. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
14. Jose Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
15. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
16. Candido Barrera (Argentina)
17. Hugo Ruffino (Argentina)
18. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
19. Aldo Montes (Mexico)
20. Waldemar Paulino de Oliveira (Brazil)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
2. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
3. Marco Geraldo (Mexico)
4. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
5. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
6. Cesar Romero (Argentina)
7. Miguel Cea (Chile)
8. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
9. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
10. Carlos Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
11. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
12. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
13. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
14. Pedro Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
15. Euclides Valdez (Dominican Republic)
16. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
17. David Cabrera (Mexico)
18. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
19. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
20. Angel Salinas (Argentina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldan (Argentina)
2. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
3. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
4. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
5. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
6. Andres Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Manuel Melon (Puerto Rico)
8. Antonio Leyva (Mexico)
9. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
10. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
11. Angel Caro (Argentina)
12. Sigfredo Colorado (Colombia)
13. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
14. Jose Duarte (Mexico)
15. JOrge Valentinuzzi (Argentina)
16. Angel Cordoba (Mexico)
17. Pedro Diaz (Mexico)
18. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
19. Jose Mireles (Mexico)
20. Alfredo Uviedo (Argentina)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco de Jesus (Brazil)
3. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
4. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
5. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
6. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
7. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
8. Luis Bazan (Argentina)
9. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
10. Ricardo Carballo (Argentina)
11. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
12. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
13. Carlos Velasquez (Argentina)
14. Mario Mathysse (Argentina)
15. Jose Santana (Puerto Rico)
16. Luis Peralta (Argentina)
17. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
18. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
19. Julio Sanchez (Argentina)
20. Jose Vallejo (Dominican Republic)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Elio Omar Diaz (Venezuela)
2. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
3. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
4. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
5. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
6. Fernando Castro (Peru)
7. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
8. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
9. Hugo Quartapelle (Argentina)
10. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
11. Osmar Ochoa (Argentina)
12. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
13. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
14. Jose Joaquin Baret (Dominican Republic)
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7. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (D.R.)
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10. Felix Reyes (Dominican Republic)
11. Guillermo Fernandez (Venezuela)
12. Ruben Berdun (Argentina)
13. Agustin Caballero (Panama)
14. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Republic)
15. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
16. Juan Rondon (Venezuela)
17. Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
18. Hugo Luero (Argentina)
19. Jose Angulo (Colombia)
20. Martin Rojas (Colombia)

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2. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
3. Orlando Romero (Peru)
4. Ildemar Paisan (Venezuela)
5. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
6. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
7. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
8. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
9. Irleis Perez (Cuba)
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17. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
18. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
19. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
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2. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
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4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
6. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
7. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
8. Jose Vidal (Dominican Republic)
9. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
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6. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
7. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
8. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
9. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
10. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
11. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
12. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
13. Idabeh Rojas (Colombia)
14. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes (Chile)
15. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
16. Pascual Patterson (Panama)
17. Victor Torres (Peru)
18. Juan Paredes (Mexico)
19. Reyes Gonzales (Mexico)
20. Miguel Angel Alvarez (Mexico)

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2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
4. Sergio Palma (Argentina)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
7. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
8. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
9. Bernardino Pinango (Venezuela)
10. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
11. Carmelo Negron (Puerto Rico)
12. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
13. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
14. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
15. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
16. Juan Araneda Bazan (Chile)
17. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
18. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
19. Jefferson Gomez (Colombia)
20. Marcelo Beckford (Panama)

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2. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
3. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
4. Francisco (Kiko) Bejines (Mexico)
5. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Benito Badilla (Chile)
9. Jose Rufino Narvaez (Argentina)
10. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
11. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
12. Luis Gerez (Argentina)
13. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
14. Santiago Caballero (Venezuela)
15. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
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17. Oscar Flores (Argentina)
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5. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
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7. German Torres (Mexico)
8. Juan Diaz (Mexico)
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10. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
12. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
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5. Oscar R. Flores (Mendoza)
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4. Juan Alberto Ivalo (Corrientes)

▲PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Jacinto Fernandez halted Angel Caro in the ninth round, middles. (07-15-83)

▲TRELEW—Enrique Sallago outpointed Antonio Rene Juarez, 10, welterweights. (07-15-83)

▲BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez outpointed Hugo Fernandez, 10, junior feathers. Chavez is still undefeated.

Roberto Defooz knocked out Miguel Canedo in the second, junior lightweights. Defooz is also undefeated. (07-16-83)

▲BUENOS AIRES—Unbeaten middleweight Jorge Valentinuzzi halted Nazareno Benitez in four. (07-20-83)

▲CHIVILCOY—Junior middleweight Ricardo Carballo outpointed middleweight Miguel Maldonado, 10. (07-22-83)

▲TUCUMAN—Argentine bantamweight champion Ramon Soria outpointed previously unbeaten Benjamin Sendin, 10. (07-22-83)

▲CORDOBA—Carlos Laciar, younger brother of WBA champion Santos, outscored Juan Medina, 10, featherweights. (07-22-83)

▲ROSARIO—Sergio Combis outpointed Antonio Rene Juarez, 10 rounds, welterweights. (07-22-83)

▲MAR DEL PLATA—Miguel Angel Lazarte and Hector Patri, two former Argentine junior flyweight champs, drew, 10. (07-22-83)

▲MIRAMAR—Argentine featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outpointed Lucio Torales, 10. (07-23-83)

▲BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Ubaldo (Ubi) Sacco and Lorenzo Garcia drew, 10. Sacco had a slight lead after eight, but was knocked down in round nine and outpointed in the 10th. (07-23-83)

▲BUENOS AIRES—Pedro Armando Gutierrez halted Ruben Stamulis in seven, junior lights. (07-27-83)

▲BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Hard hitting Argentine light heavyweight Cesar (la Bestia) Romero knocked out South American champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon, Uruguay, in the second round in a tremendous upset. Burlon had won the first session.

Romero, 28, a former prison inmate, is now 9-3-3 with seven knockouts. Flores Burlon is 66-7-5 with 31 kayoes. (07-30-83)

▲NOTES—Juan Domingo (Mingo) Malvares, who scored an upset stoppage over former WBA junior featherweight champion Sergio Palma on June 3, announced his retirement due to an eye injury suffered in an automobile accident on July 7. Malvares, who had a long career dating back to January, 1971, will now devote his time to two boxing gymnasiums he owns in Argentina.

BRAZIL

▲SAO PABLO—Jose Adilson Rodrigues won the vacant Brazilian heavyweight title by halting former South American cruiserweight champion Waldemar Paulino de Oliveira in the first.

Danielo Batista retained his Brazilian junior featherweight crown by knocking out Carlos Henrique Alves in the fourth.

Brazilian light heavyweight champion Clarismundo Silva outscored Joao Tavares, six (non-title bout). (07-01-83)

PERU

▲LIMA—Fernando (Rocco) Castro retained his Latin American welterweight title by outpointing Venezuelan Hugo Rengifo, 10. Hugo, who holds the American Inter-Continental junior middleweight crown, claimed he'd lost by a hometown decision, and Castro made remarks about fouls and other dirty tactics on the part of Rengifo. Rocco is a strong hitter, and Hugo is a fair boxer, but both are far below championship quality. (07-23-83)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▲KLAGENFURT—Ferdinand Pachler drew in 10 rounds with Moussa Kassongo Mukandjo at middleweight. It was the first 10-round bout for Ferdinand, the younger brother of former European welterweight champion Joe (Tiger) Pachler. Ferdinand has a 12-2-2 record, and it was a creditable performance, as Mukandjo holds a kayo win over Rufino Angulo. The referee for this bout was Kid Rado. The 66-year-old Austrian has refereed bouts since 1960, and has officiated in 42 European title fights and two world championships. After acting as third man in over 400 fights, the "Kid" has called it a day. (06-16-83)

▲BIBERBACK—Three Austrian champions scored stoppage victories in non-title bouts on this show. Middleweight Franz Dorfer halted Momo Cubelik of Yugoslavia, who retired in round three. Light-middleweight Edip Secevic stopped Ludwig Brunmayr in the third. Welterweight Manfred Findenig ko'd Branko Markovic of Yugoslavia in round three. (06-25-83)

BELGIUM

▲GRIVEGNEE—Light-middleweight Romain Mianzuela remained unbeaten with a points victory over Maurice Bufi, eight. In a confused light heavyweight match, Ibelo Maono knocked out Eddy Vandenhouweele in the fourth. The knockout punch landed just before the bell, but the referee did not hear it and counted Vandenhouweele out. The decision was protested on this basis, as the count does not continue after the bell in Belgium.

However, the final decision to rule the bout no contest was due to the referee failing to disqualify Maono when his second entered the ring to save him during the third round. (05-20-83)

▲IZEGEM—The Dutch light heavyweight, Alex Blanchard, retained his Benelux title by stopping Jose Seys of Belgium in the 10th round of a tough fight which saw both men hit the canvas.

Light heavyweight Hendryk Seys outpointed middleweight Maurice Bufi, eight. Light middleweight Filip Seys stopped light-heavyweight Marnix Heytens in the third. Luc Goossens outpointed Albert Toma in a light heavyweight eight and Steve Pollard, England, outpointed substitute Andre Blanco in a featherweight eight. (06-18-83)

FRANCE

▲GUISE—Light-welters: Giles Beaurain outpointed Amar Dahmoun, 6. (03-19-83)

▲COURBEVOIE—Light welters: Gilles Beaurain and Amar Dahmoun drew, 6. (04-16-83)

▲PARIS—Richard Caramanolis took his winning total to 24 by knocking out British light heavyweight Cordwell Hylton in round four.

Lloyd Christie gained revenge for Britain by ruining the unbeaten record of light middleweight Helier Custos with an eighth round knockout.

Loucif Hamani, now boxing at middleweight, outpointed Yvon Segor in eight.

Said Skouma scored his best win when he forced the former French light-middleweight champion, Fred Coranson, to retire in round eight. Skouma has a 10-1 record, losing only to Lloyd Christie. (05-19-83)

▲ANTIBES—Andre Mongelema outscored former French middleweight champion Jacques Chinon, 10. (05-20-83)

▲LE CANNET-ROCHEVILLE—Rising junior lightweight Antoine Curti forced Alain LeFol to retire in round seven. Curti is now 10-2-4. (05-27-83)

▲ORLEANS—Kamel Djadda retained his French featherweight title by forcing Farid Gallouze to retire in round seven. Djadda now has an 8-1-1 score.

In another featherweight bout, Vicente Macias of Spain outpointed former French champioin Philippe Martin, eight. (05-28-83)

▲ST. NAZAIRE—Veteran French light middleweight champion Germain LeMaitre outpointed Rosario Pacileo of Italy, 10. The 35-year-old LeMaitre is now 40-3-6. (05-28-83)

▲PARIS—The crude but dangerous French light heavyweight, Rufino Angulo, roared back from the edge of defeat to knock out

Tony Mundine in round five of their exciting scrap at the De Coubertin Stadium.

Angulo was floored and in desperate trouble when the bell saved him in round two and he was floored twice more by rights in the third. However, the Frenchman rallied to floor Mundine twice before the dramatic round ended.

In the fifth, Angulo floored Mundine again, and then finished him with one stunning left hook.

Angulo is 27 and hails from French Guinea. He has had 23 fights for a record of 16 wins, five losses, and two draws with 10 stoppages. Three of the losses were on disqualifications.

In another light heavyweight bout, Jose Rosemain scored his ninth win by stopping Jean-Luc Lami, who retired in round two. Middleweight Dominique Delorme kayoed Djibril Diallo in two, Jamel Benmeziane kayoed Michel Morvan in two at lightweight, and Jean-Baptiste Mendy beat Norbert Alcade who retired in the second round of their light welterweight bout.
(06-13-83)

▲LA ROCHE-SUR-FORON—Antoine Montero won the vacant European flyweight title by forcing Spanish veteran Mariano Garcia to retire in round eight. Montero was to have faced unbeaten Keith Wallace, but the English fighter was injured in training, and the 37-year-old Spanish champion stepped in as a late substitute.

Montero, a 26-year-old southpaw, is unbeaten with 17 wins and one draw, but both Wallace and Franco Cherchi of Italy are at least as good as the new champion.
(06-17-83)

▲ANTIBES—Southpaw Andre Mongelema continued his run of good wins by knocking out former Spanish middleweight champion Juan Munoz Holgado in round two.

Light middleweight Aldo Curti outpointed Jean Louis Coquin, eight.

Lightweight Thierry Giudice outpointed Lillo Lanzellotto, six.
(06-17-83)

HOLLAND

▲NIEWENGEIN—Antoon Verrips retained his Benelux light welterweight title by outpointing Andre Blanco, 10.

Middleweight Adrie Huussen outpointed Jo Bollue, six.
(05-30-83)

ITALY

▲CASTELFIDARDO—Light-welters: Malanda Kianda (Zaire) outpointed Raimondo Ricci, six.

Light-middles: Sabiyala Diavilla (Zaire) stopped Moktar Djelassi (Tunis) in three.
(04-29-83)

▲L'AQUILA—Welterweights: Fingo halted Alvaro Pegoli in four and Guiseppe Russi outpointed Mbuta Muvwadiambu, eight.
(04-30-83)

▲AVEZZANO—Heavyweights: Cesaro Di Benedetto halted George Ajjo (Uganda) in the sixth.
(04-30-83)

▲RAVENNA—Feathers: Francesco Tritto outpointed Domenico Ricci, six.
(05-06-83)

▲CARRARA—Guiseppe Mercuri beat Vincenzo Eilodoro, who was disqualified in round four of their welterweight bout.
(05-07-83)

▲LIPOMO—Angelo Liquori outpointed Butangy Nzolameso (Zaire), eight. The 25-year-old middleweight now has an 11-0 record.
(05-09-83)

▲BOARIO TERME—Heavyweight hope Angelo (Ali) Rottoli outpointed Peter Kozza Mulindwa, eight. Rottoli is now 24 and has a 9-0-1 score

Junior lightweight Salvatore Curcetti stopped Angelo Quintavalle in six.
(05-13-83)

▲GROSSETO—Middleweight Loucif Hamani stopped Massimo Pieri in the first.

Light heavies: Leonzio Balestra outpointed Luigi Di Lauro, six.

Lights: Gabriele Di Stazio outpointed Josia Da Silva, six.

Light middles: Bechir Jelassi kayoed Tshianala Kalenga (Zaire) in two.
(05-13-83)

▲VAREDO—Light middles: Silvio Migale outpointed Mayele Mabele (Zaire), eight.
(05-14-83)

▲CAGLIARI—Franco Cherchi retained his Italian flyweight title with a clear points victory after 12 good rounds against Giampiero Pinna. The 25-year-old Cherchi now has 16 wins in a row.

World rated light middleweight Carlos Santos gave a classy display of boxing in stopping Mosimo Maeleke (Zaire) in the sixth. The 27-year-old Puerto Rican has a 27-1 record, losing only to Wilfred Benitez in a WBC title bout in November 1981.

Marco Gallo kayoed former Italian champion Salvatore Liscapade in the sixth round of a junior lightweight title eliminator.

The 27-year-old southpaw, Bruno Demontis, outpointed light welterweight Malanda Kianda (Zaire) for win number 27 in 29 fights.

Middleweight prospect Edmondo Buttiglione outpointed Butangy Nzolameso, six.

Renzo Mannai and Maurizio Lupino drew in a featherweight six.
(05-20-83)

▲LOANO—Nino La Rocca had an easy night as he knocked out Marvin Jenkins in round three for win number 48. It was a bad mismatch.

Argentinian heavyweight Daniele Falconi outpointed Maurice Gomis in six for his eighth win.

Light welterweights Nelson Trujillo and Francesco Prezioso drew, six.

Welterweight Callisto Baveresco stopped Wa Tshiyekela in the first.

Welterweight Lorenzo Giappone outpointed Vincenzo Maiolini, six.
(05-22-83)

▲PIACENZA—Aldo Buzzetti pleased his home fans by stopping Matteo Salvemini in round five to win the Italian middleweight title. The 27-year-old southpaw has a 14-1 record. Salvemini, a former European champion, saw his mark drop to 25-4.

Lightweight Gianquinto Vercella stopped Mario Ficano in round three and middleweight Franco Cagiano outpointed Folly Messa in six.
(05-22-83)

▲SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE—Patrizio Oliva extended his winning score to 28 by stopping Jean Marie Touati in the sixth round in a non-title bout.

Nicola Cirelli moved down to middleweight again to outpoint Jelassi Mohatar, eight. Featherweight Francesco Mascara outpointed Tovic Mahmutovic in six and heavyweight Stefano Vassallo outpointed George Ajjo, six.
(05-25-83)

▲ROME—Light middles: Ennio D'Ercole outpointed Giovanni Cannizzo, six.
(05-28-83)

▲PORTOFERRAIO—Daniele Laghi retained his Italian heavyweight title with a points win after 12 rounds over Rinaldo Pellizzari. Laghi, a 27-year-old southpaw, was having his first bout since February, when his opponent, Claudio Cassanelli, collapsed into a coma. It was Pellizzari's fifth unsuccessful try at the Italian title.

Former European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati was again held to a draw over eight rounds by Richard Sake (Uganda).

In welterweight bouts, Nelson Trujillo stopped Vincenzo Maiolini in the third, and Piero Spadaccini drew with Joe Messa in six.
(06-03-83)

▲EMPOLI—Light welterweight Claudio Nitti outpointed Abasse Macauley, six.
(06-03-83)

▲TORRE ANNUNZIATA—Bantams: Alfonso Astarita kayoed Giaquinto Vercella in six. Flyweights: Giovanni Camputaro outpointed Umberto Morri, six.
(06-11-83)

▲AVEZZANO—Local heavyweight Cesare Di Benedetto outpointed Daniel Marignan of France, six.

Uruguyan Juan Alberto Barrero defeated Aldo Tramentozzi on points, six.
(06-11-83)

▲PESARO—Former Olympic Light-heavyweight champion Slobodan Kacar of Yugoslavia knocked out Beja of Zaire in round three.

Welters: Kabeja (Zaire) outpointed Piscotti (Italy), six.

▲PIEDIMONTE MATESE—Welterweights Pietro Ciarla and Eloi De Souza drew in six. Giovanni De Marco kayoed Giovanni Cannizzo in four.
(06-11-83)

▲BOLOGNA—European featherweight champion Loris Stecca was given eight tough rounds by Robert Mullins, but won a clear points decision.

Former European light middleweight champion Luigi Minchillo returned to action and stopped Yvon Segor on a cut in the eighth and final round.

Giuseppe Gimenez stopped Francesco Gallo on a cut in round eight. The Argentinian born light welterweight is now an Italian citizen, and has been nominated as official challenger to Patrizio Oliva.

Bantamweight Salvatore La Serra outpointed Bofungo Eymono, eight.
(06-15-83)

▲FRISINONE—Light middleweight Giuseppe Capezzera stopped Muyanga Kia Folly in the first.

Lightweight Favio Tavarnelli halted Jacob Musisi in one.
(06-18-83)

▲SCIACCA—Walter Giorgetti became the new European bantamweight champion with a hotly disputed majority decision over Giuseppe Fossati. The scoring reflected the closeness of the action: 118-116, 117-116, and 116-116.

Junior lightweight Salvatore Curcetti outpointed Fabrizio Saraulo, six.

Lightweight Salvatore Lojacono beat Rosario Casartelli on points, six.
(06-23-83)

▲BROLO—Lucio Cusma needed a last round knockdown to save his European lightweight title after a dramatic battle against the German star, Rene Weller. One judge scored it 117-115 for Weller, but the other two officials scored it 118-118 and 117-117 so that a draw was the majority decision.
(06-29-83)

SPAIN

▲SALAMANCA—In featherweight bouts, Vicente "Zurdo" Fernandez outpointed Jose (Zarate) Sanchez in six and Angel Coque kayoed Laureano Sanchez in three.
(04-02-83)

▲ARANDA DE DUERO—German Nunez and Jose (Zarate) Sanchez drew in a featherweight six.
(04-09-83)

▲LAS PALMAS—Light-middles: Eduardo Santana outpointed Fernando Gonzalez, six. Lights: Vincente Jorge "Sendin" outpointed Jimmy Cruz, six. Bantams: Carlos Santana outpointed Vicente (Zurdo) Fernandez, six. (04-15-83)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Sylvain Watbled (France)
6. Mary Konate (France)
7. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
8. Daniele Laghi (Italy)
9. Neville Meade (Wales)
10. Anders Eklund (Sweden)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Holland)
1. Richard Caramanolis (France)
2. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
3. Tom Collins (England)
4. Rufino Angulo (France)
5. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
6. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Dennis Andries (England)
9. Hocine Tafer (France)
10. Devon Bailey (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Roy Gumbs (England)
3. Mark Kaylor (England)
4. Stephane Ferrara (France)
5. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
6. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
7. Joel Bonnetaz (France)
8. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
9. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
10. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Germain LaMaitre (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
5. Prince Rodney (England)
6. Fred Coranson (France)
7. Richard Rodriguez (France)
8. Daniele Zappaterra (Italy)
9. Jimmy Batten (England)
10. Jimmy Cable (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
4. Gilles Elbilia (France)
5. Hans Henrik Palm (Denmark)
6. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
7. Jo Kimpuani (France)
8. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
9. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
4. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
5. Roberto Gambini (France)
6. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
7. Terry Marsh (England)
8. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
9. Alan Lamb (England)
10. Bruno Simili (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Rene Weller (Germany)
3. Ray Cattouse (England)
4. Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
7. Jose A. Garcia (Spain)
8. Charles Jurietti (France)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Carlos Hernandez (France)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
7. Marco Gallo (Italy)
8. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Antoine Curti (France)
10. Francis Tripp (France)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Loris Stecca (Italy)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
8. Frank Lussi (France)
9. Vicente Macias (Spain)
10. Paul Huggins (England)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
2. Valerio Nati (Italy)
3. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
7. Jose Antunez (Spain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Roberto Serrelli (Italy)
10. Carlo Raviaoli (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Antoine Montero (France)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
6. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Duke McKenzie (England)
10. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Gordon Racette (Canada)
4. Neville Meade (Wales)
5. David Pearce (Wales)
6. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
7. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
8. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
9. Funso Banjo (England)
10. Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Tony Mundine (Australia)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Tom Collins (England)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
8. Don LaLonde (Canada)
9. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
10. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Roy Gumbs (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Mark Kaylor (England)
4. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
5. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
6. Ritchie Roberts (Australia)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
9. Errol Christie (England)
10. Jimmy Price (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Jimmy Batten (England)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Prince Rodney (England)
7. Brian Anderson (England)
8. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
9. Jimmy Cable (England)
10. Nelson Bosso (Ghana)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mario Cusson (Canada)
3. Frank Ropis (Australia)
4. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
5. Mark Harris (Guyana)
6. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
7. Chris Clark (Canada)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Donnie Poole (Canada)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Terry Marsh (England)
7. Alan Lamb (England)
8. Pat Leglise (Australia)
9. Vernon Vanriel (England)
10. Gary Knight (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Johnny Summerhays (Canada)
7. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
8. Graeme Brooks (Australia)
9. Tony Willis (England)
10. Winston Spencer (England)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe).
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
3. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
4. John Sichula (Zambia)
5. Dennis Talbot (Australia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Paul Huggins (England)
7. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Eric Boone (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Davey Larmour (No. Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (No. Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Peter Jones (Wales)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. Dave George (Wales)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Bobby Williams (Australia)
9. Duke McKenzie (England)
10. Ducky Dennis (Australia)

▲MATARO—Tanio II outpointed Jose Maria Martin Garzon in a lightweight eight.
(04-16-83)

SWITZERLAND

▲BERNE—Light heavyweight prospect Ennio Scacchia halted Gino Freo in round three.
(05-03-83)
▲GENEVA—Michel Giroud outpointed Francesco Gallo in a light welterweight eight.
(05-04-83)
▲VALLORBE—Michel Giroud scored his best win to date as he outpointed Italian Bruno Simili, eight.
(05-28-83)
▲WETTINGEN—Featherweight Sepp Iten returned to action with a six-round points win over Josia Da Silva of Brazil.
(05-28-83)

YUGOSLAVIA

▲BELGRADE—Ace Rusevski beat Leo Van Der Aa on a sixth round retirement, welterweights.
(04-16-83)

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲RHYL—Dixieland Showbar—Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 152, narrowly outpointed Bert Myrie, Birmingham, also 152, over eight by 79-78½. It was as close as the scoreline suggests, Myrie providing most of the aggression, and Crolla using his superior height and reach to counter on the retreat.

There were quite a few toe-to-toe exchanges, and Crolla's more accurate punching seemed to be the deciding factor.

Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 144, beat Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 143, the referee intervening in round five with Sheehan under severe pressure and not fighting back.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 128, outscored Andy Cassidy, Nottingham, 127, by 59-58½ over six. The result was predictable. Murray has had 60 bouts, and Cassidy three (all defeats).

John Murray, Hull, 143, made a fine pro debut, not losing a round in outpointing Willy Wilson, Nottingham, by 60-57½ over six.
(05-25-83)

▲LONDON—National Sporting Club—Patrons are usually quick to show their appreciation at this venue, and £141 in nobbins were tossed into the ring after Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 143, had outpointed Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 144, over eight by 79½-78.

McCallum left-jabbed his way to victory, and showed the greater skills, but Pegler was always in there trying. In his eagerness to get to close quarters and land with his right, Geoff walked into a right hand in round three and took a count of seven.

He made a good recovery, and attacked vigorously in the last two rounds, but the elusive McCallum was always in front.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 138½, outpointed Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 139½, over eight by 79½-78½. Harris found little difficulty in overcoming his opponent's southpaw stance, and was too fast for Foreman, who landed quite a few right jabs, but not enough to disturb Mike's rhythm.

Glyn Mitchell, Plymouth, 146½, outpointed Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 150, over six by 59½-58½. Mitchell made the pace, and landed far more scoring punches. He has lost only one out of nine bouts.

Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 141¼, beat Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 141½, who retired at the end of round three. Official reason was an injured right eye, but he had been on the canvas.
(06-06-83)

▲SWANSEA—Top Rank Suite—I can't remember a fight *inside* the ring being abandoned because of a fight *outside* the ring, but that's what happened in the Welsh light welterweight title fight between champion Ray Price and Geoff Pegler.

After only one round, Price, 138, and Pegler, 140, returned to their dressing rooms as fighting broke out among some spectators. It is alleged that a gang of youths, who had been making trouble throughout the promotion, were responsible, and when some spectators retaliated, about a hundred people were involved.

Chairs and glasses were thrown, and it was an ugly scene. An enquiry will be held. Football hooliganism is rife in Britain, but rarely is there trouble of this nature at a boxing promotion, and certainly not on this scale. There can be nothing but sympathy for promoter Alan Davies, who had previously promoted three shows at this venue, all successful and with no aggravation.

Before the main event, there were four contests, as follows—Robert Dickie, Swansea, 122, beat Howard Williams, Merthyr, 119½, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been decked twice.

Michael Harris, Swansea, 137¾, outpointed Bobby Welburn, Hull, 143, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Peter Harris, (Michael's brother), Swansea, 124¾, outscored Brett Stiles, Merthyr, 121¼, over eight by 79½-77½.

Andrew Gerrard, Risca, 188, outpointed Scott Wilde, Bristol, 181¾, over six by 60-58½, also not losing a round.
(05-27-83)

▲SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—Mick Mills, Sheffield, 154, scored a narrow points win over Martin McEwan, Birmingham, in their eight-rounder. Scoreline: 79-78½.

Mills was down on three occasions, but two of them looked like slips. The other was from a right-hander, and Mick stayed down for eight.

McEwan's punching was always dangerous, but Mills looked the busier, although he admitted that his timing was off through lack of sparring. When these two met six months earlier, Mills alspo won on points, but this time McEwan said he thought he deserved the verdict.

Abdul Kareem, Tottenham, 138, beat Ricky Dean, Leicester, 140, the referee intervening in round five, with Dean defending desperately after being shaken by a couple of hefty right-hands.

Steve Greaves, Leicester, 154, defeated Dave Harrison, Stoke, 155, the bout being halted in round three with Harrison under severe pressure.
(06-07-83)

▲MIDDLESBROUGH—Gaskins Club—Dave Scott, Telford, 165, outpointed Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 160, over eight by 79-78.

Jim Paton, Paisley, 140, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Alan Storey, Sunderland, 134, over six by a narrow 59½-59.

Steve Abadom, Newcastle, 201, outscored Eddie Cooper, Bradford, 179, over six by 59½-58½. In spite of his weight advantage, southpaw Abadom never looked close to flooring his opponent.

Jeff Standlay, Grimsby, 155, beat debutant Ranji Dastidar, Middlesbrough, also 155, the referee intervening after only 1:35 of the opening session when Dastidar had been down twice.
(06-12-83)

▲COVENTRY—Sports Centre—19-year-old Errol Christie emphasized that he is one of the top British prospects for high honors by stopping Vice Gajny, Stratford, the referee intervening in round two after Gajny had been decked by a right hook. Both scaled inside 161.

Gajny jabbed neatly in the opening session, but as soon as Christie put on the pressure the writing was on the wall. None of Errol's six pro wins have gone further than three rounds, and it is now planned for him to get some experience in American gyms, probably in Detroit and New York. It is also thought he may have the benefit of advice from former world champion Emile Griffith.

Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 146½, won the vacant Midlands Area welter crown by beating Joey Mack, Birmingham, 147, the referee intervening in round five after Mack had been down twice.

Petrou's original opponent was Lloyd (brother of Errol) Christie, but he had to pull out with an injured wrist. Mack substituted on short notice, and was on a hiding to nothing. He only made the weight on the second attempt, and this effort caught up with him as he gradually weakened.

Mack, born in St. Kitts is now 37, but still good enough to be rated the number five welter contender in Britain. Christie is now number three, the same as his middleweight brother, Errol.

Andy Straughn, Hitchin, 176, drew with Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 176½, eight.

James Cooke, Coventry, 137¼, made a comeback after over two years inactivity and outpointed Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 137½, over six by a narrow 59-58½.

Another successful return after an absence was made by Joey Wainwright, Hull, 128½, who beat Neville Fivey, Coventry, the referee intervening in round four after Fivey had been floored three times.

Aneurin Williams, Gilwern, 177¼, stopped Alex Romeo, Leicester, 176, in round two.
(06-13-83)

▲DONCASTER—Adwick Leisure Centre—Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 135½, beat the hitherto unbeaten Gary Williams, Doncaster, 136, who retired at the end of round five with a cut by the right eye which appeared to have been caused by a clash of heads.

A good fight while it lasted. A right hand put Thornton down in the opening round but he fought back well, only to have his right eye cut and swollen by Williams' hard punching.

It was toe-to-toe stuff until the eye injury in round five that forced Williams to retire.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 122, drew with John Doherty, Bradford, 124, over six.

Steve Metcalfe, Rotherham, 149, narrowly outpointed Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 145, over six by 59-58½.

Dave Foley, Doncaster, 145, also won by the same narrow scoreline against Sam Church, Bradford, 142, in their six-rounder. Church was decked in round one.

Taffy Mills, Sunderland, kayoed Mick Hollison, Bradford, in round five with a right hook.
(06-13-83)

▲NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club—Paul Shell, Birmingham, 176½, outpointed Johnny Elliott, Telford, 172, over eight by a narrow 78½-78.

Dave Hall, Leyton, 153½, kayoed Andy Roberts, Stoke, 150½, in round five with a right to the chin.

Elvis Morton, Leicester, 148½, gained a narrow points victory over Rob Jones, Telford, 150. Scoreline: 59-58½ after six.

Debutant Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 121, outscored Young Yousef, Walsall, 125, by 59-58 over six.
(06-13-83)

▲GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 137, beat Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, the bout being stopped in round five with Decker cut by the left eye and on the nose. McLeod looked comfortably ahead at this stage. When they met two months previously, the result was a draw.

Danny Flynn, Edinburgh, 114½, drew with Robert Dickie,

Swansea, 117½, over six.

Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 147, beat Joe McGinlay, Paisley, the referee intervening after only 47 seconds of the opening round. Debutant McGinlay started by throwing a lot of punches, but was caught by rights to the head. Kelly then switched to the body, and it was too much for McGinlay.

Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 140, didn't lose a round outscoring Mike MacKenzie, Perth, 141½, by 60-58 over six.
(06-13-83)

▲**NEWPORT—Welsh Executive Sporting Club**—Andrew Gerrard, Newport, 207½, beat Frankie Robindon, 208, Wednesbury, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three with a swelling by the left eye and a bleeding nose.

Gerrard injured his right hand in the opening session, but his left hand was good enough to keep his oppinent at bay and pile up the points. It was their third meeting, with the score now 2-1 in favor of Gerrard.

Over six rounds, Tony Borg, Cardiff, 128, outpointed Eddie Morgan, Corby, 127, by 59½-58.

After seven months' inactivity due to an eye operation, Gary Gething, 161, conceded a stone and outpointed Scott Wilde, Bristol, 177, by 59½-58 over six.

Billy Hough, Merthyr, 122, didn't lose one of the four rounds in outpointing Steve Reilly, Newport, 120, by 40-38½.
(06-14-83)

▲**QUEENSFERRY—Deeside Leisure Centre**—Rocky Feliciello, Rhyl, 151, beat substitute Dinio Wallace, 173, overcoming the handicap of conceding 22 pounds. Wallace retired at the end of round five with a cut by the right eye.

A good scrap, with Feliciello getting on top in the early stages and Wallace coming into the fight in the fourth. It was punch-for-punch when the cut brought a lively affair to a premature ending.

Dave Bryan, Rhyl, 132, outpointed Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 130, over six by 59½-58½.

Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 138, beat Ronnie Atherton, Liverpool, 142, the referee intervening in round two after Atherton had been down twice.

John Drummond, Rhyl, 122, outscored Carl Gaynor, Manchester, also 122, six. Drummond was making his pro debut.
(06-17-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Mark West, Brighton, 126¼, drew with Steve Cleak, 130½, eight. West afterwards that he had been handicapped from the fifth by a blister under his right foot. Cleak staged a late rally which earned him a share, although some thought West's early work was enough to gain him the win.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 139½, didn't lose a round outpointing Jim Paton, Paisley, 140, over eight by 80-76½.

Peter (brother of Mike) Harris, 124½, also didn't lose a round outscoring Danny Knaggs, Hull, 125, over six by 60-57.

Elvis Morton, Leicester, 149½, drew with Mike McKenzie, Perth, 150; six.
(06-20-83)

▲**LONDON—York Hall**—Vernon Vanriel, 141¼, beat Gary Knight, East Ham, also 141¼, the bout being stopped early in round six after the latter had been down twice.

It is doubtful whether Knight won a round, but he kept going in commendable fashion, always trying to get through his opponent's defences; but Vanreil was too elusive and punched too quickly.

Down for eight in round five Knight got up and pluckily fought back, but he had a swelling by the left eye and in round six was again decked for eight from a right to the head.

Again he got up, only to be subjected to a two-handed attack, whereupon the referee intervened. This defeat spoiled Knight's unbeaten run of 13. For Vanreil, it was an encouraging return after having been beaten by Knight's stablemate, Terry Marsh, in a Southern Area title fight.

Andy O'Rawe, Canvey Island, 142¼, defeated Colin Neagle, Merthyr, 142¼, the stoppage coming in round four with the latter under pressure. O'Rawe is now unbeaten in five contests.

Tim Gladwish, Hastings, 143, didn't lose a round in outpointing debutant Bob Thornton, 140, Leicester, over six. Scoreline: 60-57½.

John Ridgeman, Hatfield, 154, beat southpaw Steve Grieves, Leicester, 157¼, the referee intervening after just 52 seconds of the opening session with Grieves taking punishment and not fighting back. He was taken to the hospital with a suspected concussion.

Debutant Mickey Kilgallon, Peckham, 140, beat Paul McHugh, Leicester, 144¼, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter cut by the left eye.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 147, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Tony Batty, Walthamstow, 145¼, over six by 59½-58½. Last time they met Heaver won inside the distance.
(06-23-83)

▲**MANCHESTER—Free Trade Hall**—Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 162, snatched victory from the jaws of defeat when he beat Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 158, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round after the latter had been down twice.

Up to that stage, Mitchell seemed ahead on points, jabbing neatly and showing good footwork. But Longsden persevered with his body punching, and in the final session landed a right swing that decked his opponent. A similiar punch put him down again, whereupon the referee intervened.

Terry Golden, Manchester, 178, outpointed Paul Heatley, Manchester, also 178, over six by 59-58.

Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 153, outpointed Bert Myrie, Wolverhampton, 144, over eight by 80-78½, not losing a round.

Mick Dono, Liverpool, 143, gained a comfortable points victory over Mike Calderwood, Salford, 144. Scoreline: 59½-58 after six.

Debutant Kid Sadler, Manchester, 147, beat Dave Foley, Doncaster, 150, making a fine recovery after being down twice in round two to stop his man in the following session on the referee's intervention.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 125, narrowly outscored Steve Benny, Liverpool, 126, over six by 59-58½.

Winston Wray, Bolton, 160, beat Craig Edwads, Shotton, 162, the bout being stopped after only 37 seconds of the opening round after Edwards had been decked twice by heavy right hands.
(06-20-83)

▲**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Steve Tempro, Leicester, 146, shook off the handicap of a cut right eye to outpoint Dave Cox, Northampton, 148, over eight by 79-77½. The cut came in round seven from a left hook, and Tempro saw through a difficult final round.

Wayne Hawkins, Bloxwich, 161½, outscored Paul Murray, Birmingham, by 59½-58½ over six.

Debutant Mickey Lerwill, Telford, 141, beat Mickey Bird, Alfreton, 147, the referee intervening at the end of round five when Bird was cut by the right eye.

Danny Myers, Northampton, 150, defeated Nipper Arnot, Telford, 153, who retired at the end of round two. It was Arnot's pro debut.

Deka Williams, West Browich, 177, beat Osbourne Taylor, Nottingham, 179, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been down.
(06-23-83)

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JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior lightweight champ Yoshimitsu Azato, the WBA's third ranked contender at 130, dropped Kenyan import Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, also 130, four times to win a unanimous decision, 10. It was Azato's fifth defense. Despite scoring those knockdowns with his left hooks, Azato had a tough time due to Ikhoni's desperate attacks. But Ikhoni's blows couldn't overcome the huge points deficit; he hit the deck once each in rounds one, two, three, and 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 96-91; judges Takeshi Shimakawa and Takeaki Kanaya, 97-93 and 99-93—all for the elongated Azato. The 22-year-old winner upped his log to 15-1-1 with nine knockouts. Ikhoni, former amateur Kings Cup Gold Medalist, fell to 6-2 with six kayoes.

Katsuhiko Hasegawa, 118, TKO'd Hiroaki Kato, 117½, at 1:37 of the ninth round in the semi-final 10.

Yoshikazu Hasegawa, 122, came off the canvas from a first round knockdown and stopped Hiroshi Yamamoto, 121, at 0:33 of the seventh session in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Seiji Tomari, 108, polished off Kenji Kodama, 104, at 1:02 of the first round. Yuzo Asakawa, 135, decisioned Ryoichi Saida, also 135. Hirotake Sasahara, 108, outscored Yoshio Fukuda, 107¼. Kazuya Kadoi, 121½, won from Kazuhiko Akira, 119¾. Koichi Shirakawa, 111¾, halted Yoshimi Kikuchi, 111¾, at 2:57 of the third round in the opener.

King Sports Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,000.
(05-23-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—A dual Japanese title bout entertained the crowd. Jackal Maruyama, 115, weathered the opening attacks of Kazuki Higa, also 115, and fought back with wicked body bombardments to retain his Japanese junior bantamweight crown by a come-from-behind TKO at 1:45 of the sixth canto in a scheduled 10. Jackal's record is now 21-8-3 with 13 knockouts. Higa suffered his first setback against 10 wins (six kayoes).

Japanese middleweight champion Keitoku Senrima, 160, scored a fine one-punch knockout over Kenji Miyata, also 160, at 1:45 of the sixth round in ten. It was the six-foot Senrima's first defense since dethroning Miyata in their previous encounter. Senrima's overhand right was the haymaker.

Yoshinobu Fukui, 112, utilized his lefty style, winning a unanimous decision over Ryuji Tanimura, also 112, six.

Four rounders: Kenichi Wako, 114¼, needed just 16 seconds to finish Jun Hayashi, 114¼, in the first round. Akira Ono, 107½, lost to Kazuhiro Setani, 108. Tadashi Sakurai, 133, stopped Yukihiko Koana, 134¼, at 1:06 of the second canto. Shunichi Akira, 138¼, TKO'd Mitsusuke Koheita Tanaka, 123¼. Yukihito Tamakuma, 108, won from Takuto Misawa, 106¾, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Yonekura and Kokusai Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,500.
(05-24-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Rising puncher Kazuhiro Ikeda, 108, dropped Yoshiaki Nojima, also 108, four times and finished him at 2:55 of the fourth canto in a scheduled 10. Ikeda, a lefty prospect, is now 13-2 with seven kayoes. Nojima fell to 12-7-2 with two knockouts. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Takeshi Mitsu, 122, won a majority nod (98-96, 99-96, and 97-97) over Kiyoshi Oyama, also 122, 10. Mitsu is now 13-3-2 with only three kayoes.

Yukinori Onishi, 111¼, scored an upset TKO over Goju Toriumu, 110¼, at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Hiroaki Imazu, 118, outscored Shigeji Tamaoki, 118, six.

Four rounders: Yukio Abe, coached by ex-world champ Koichi Wajima at 139¾, halted Shigeki Matsui, also 139¾, at 1:47 of the third canto. Koichi Tanaka, 116¾, took only 58 seconds to finish Kazuhiko Sudo, 117½. Hideki Kanai, 115½, disposed of Keiichi Ozaki, 116¾, at 2:42 of the first round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,300.
(05-06-83)

▲**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Unbeaten Koichi Sugimoto, 114¾, was knocked out by a countering left hook from Mutsuo Watanabe, 114½, at 2:43 of the fifth round in 10. Sugimoto, now 4-1 with two kayoes, had been the aggressor. Watanabe is now 9-6-3 with three kayoes.

Lord Mitsuru, 112, TKO'd Kenzaburo Nobu, 111¼, at 1:07 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Masahide Ikehara, 125¼, won from Masataka Katayama, 126, in eight.

Four rounders: Takami Koga, 120¼, stopped Masayuki Yokoyama, 121, at 2:26 of the first session. Hirobumi Tanaka, 133½, halted Hiroyuki Kishimoto, 133½, at 1:22 of the fourth canto. Koichi Shono, 111, kayoed Fumio Fukuwada, 110, at 1:07 of the first round in the opener.

Kambayashi Promotions. Asahi TV.

Attendance—4,300.
(05-12-83)

▲**KOCHI—Kochi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Unbeaten puncher Takuya Muguruma, the JBC's top featherweight contender at 121¾, made an attempt to move down to the junior featherweight class, and successfully disposed of veteran Kazumi Sato, 123½, at 2:40 of the fourth round in a scheduled ten.

Muguruma, a stablemate of WBA champ Jiro Watanabe, is now 13-0 with eight knockouts. Sato dropped to 13-21-9 with four kayoes.

Fumio Ozaki, 121, outpointed Katsunori Nagamoto, 121½, six.

Four rounders: Yoshiyuki Nomaguro, 117½, stopped Norikazu Aoyama, 117, at 1:25 of the second round. Katsutoshi Matsui, 114¼, halted Shigetoshi Hayashi, 114¾, at 0:41 of the second. Lefty Etsuo Takesaki, 115, lost to Ryoji Yamamoto, 114. Yosuke Matsuoka, 114¼, TKO'd Hiroaki Tanaka, 116¾, at the end of the second. Satoshi Chinen, 134½, won from Hatsuji Hirota, 133, in the opener.

Kuroshio Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—2,500.
(05-17-83)

▲**YOKOHAMA—Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium**—Miharu Muto, 140, turned loose from the fourth round on, and demolished Ryo Asuka, 140, at 2:15 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Muto is now 13-6-1 with three kayoes. Asuka is 7-6 (four knockouts).

Hiroyasu Kato, 115, scored a one-punch kayo over Noritetsu Kato, also 115, in 1:40 of the first session in an eight.

Four rounders: Shigeki Yoshino, 157¼, finished Takemasa Kuwata, 159½, in 3:05 of the first round. Tsutomu Akashi, 122, flattened Hiroshi Sakurada, also 122, in 1:03 of the third canto. Jun Hoki, 110¼, stopped Katsuhiro Kuroda, 109½, at 0:39 of the fourth round. Toshio Nayuki, 107¼, halted Takao Yoshida, 107½, at 2:32 of the opening session. Kazuya Yoshida, 138, won a unanimous nod over Yoshinori Kohayakawa, 139¼, in the opener.

Kawai Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.
(05-17-83)

▲**HOFU CITY—Hofu Public Hall**—Elongated puncher Tatsunari Hisahiro, 129, scored a TKO over Fighter Matsukawa, 131¼, at 2:33 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Hisahiro is a bright hope in Yamaguchi Prefecture.

Isamu Teramoto, this year's All-Japan *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney winner at 129, stopped Hiroshi Yamaguchi, 128¾, at 2:51 of the fourth session in a scheduled eight.

Yoshikazu Kurashita, 112, finished Tatsuya Sugi, 111¼, at 2:57 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Animal Takamura, 120¼, TKO'd Koji Hotta, 119¾, at 1:26 of the second round. Masatomo Yamazaki, 136¼, drew with George Fukuoka, 138¾, in the opener.

Masa Ito Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200.
(05-22-83)

▲**NARA—Kashiwara Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior flyweight champ Yong-Hyun Kim, the WBA's ninth ranked contender at 109, was held to a draw by lefty hope Satoshi Shingaki, 107, 10. It was a see-saw affair.

Scoring: referee Ichiro Uenaka and judge Nobumitsu Inukai, 98-98 and 99-99, respectively, and judge Teruo Fujita, 98-97, Shingaki.

The annual meetings of Japanese and Korean novices were held with the Korean newcomers winning five out of seven bouts.

Hee-Sok Kim, 111¾, won from Takuya Tsuji, 113½, six.

Hee-Bong Kim, 114½, onesidedly outpointed Takeshi Yokoseki, 115, six.

Yong-Woo Kim, 116½, stopped Makoto Kumagaya, 118, at 1:06 of the third round.

Chul-Hee Yun, 127½, decisioned Taro Akiyama, 119, six.

Joung-Taek Lee, 125, lost a majority nod to Joe Hayato, 126½, six.

Hwan-Yong Son, 145½, drew with Takashi Tsukada, 145½, six.

Chul-Hyun Kim, 154¾, polished off Masaru Takagi, 155, at 2:34 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Ikeda Promotions. Mainichi TV.

Attendance—3,780.
(05-25-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former WBA junior middleweight champ Tadashi Mihara, 154, retained his Japanese title by beating Yohi Arai, also 154, via a lopsided decision, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, judges Masakazu Uchida and Takeo Ugo—all 100-92 for Mihara. Mihara, less impressive this night, is now 19-1 with 13 kayoes. Arai fell to 28-26-2 with 12 knockouts.

Tadashi Shimabukuro, 114¼, stopped Masahiro Takagi, 111¼, at 2:03 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Shimabukuro, the nephew of ex-WBA junior lightweight boss Yasutsune Uehara, looked very sharp and upped his log to 5-0 with four kayoes.

Hiroshi Hori, 134½, halted Fumio Nada, 135, at 2:24 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Katsuhiro Haneji, 112, made his fine pro debut by stopping Backus Junkichi, 110½, at 1:50 of the first round. Haneji was the All-Japan high-school champ the previous year.

Masayoshi Harada, 107½, eked out a split nod from Kinya Nakamura, 108. Toyoharu, 140, won from Katsuyoshi Kawashita, 139¾. Toshitsugu Mitsui, 107¼, outscored Koji Yagiu, 107¼. Eiji

Kimura, 146½, stopped Yuji Mineyama, 146¼, at 1:24 of the first round in the opener.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,400.

(05-26-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—After a long lay-off, Masayuki Kirisaki, 116, returned to action, and impressively flattened Shinji Suga, 115¾, in 2:12 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. A left uppercut to the liver was the haymaker. Kirisaki, the JBC's eighth ranked junior bantie, is now 9-6-4 with two kayoes. Suga fell to 16-6-7 with five knockouts.

Kiyoshi Sasaki, 133, won a hairline nod over Kozaburo Ichihara, also 133, six. Sasaki is 9-1 with one kayo.

Four rounders: Shotgun Suzuki, 117½, drew with Masakatsu Sakuma, 117½. Seiichi Sato, 121½, outpointed Hideki Saito, 122. Yukimasa Higa, 110¼, kayoed Masahiro Kaise, 109½, in 1:33 of the third round. Kenji Yokozawa, 106½, outscored Tetsuo Fukushima, 107¾. Koji Otsuka, 128, drew with Tsuneo Miyazato, 130. Hiroshi Hishiyama, 122, stopped Makoto Watanabe, 122, at 1:47 of the first round in the opener.

Matsudo Hiranuma Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,300.

(05-27-83)

▲KUMAMOTO—Suizenji Gymnasium—Ex-Japanese junior middleweight titlist Katsuhiro Sawada, 149¾, was floored time and again, and was TKO'd by Korean Wang-Ki Chung, his country's number three welterweight at 149¾, at 2:12 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Koki Higashi, 132¼, won from Sun-Yul Moon, the Korea Commission's seventh ranked junior lightie at 132¼, by a disqualification at the end of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Seiji Maruyama, 125½, stopped Tsutomu Sakumoto, also 125½, at 2:57 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Hiroshi Izumiya, 159¾, kayoed Shuji Morita, 152¾, in 0:48 of the first canto in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Keiichi Takatani, 111¼, won from Yuji Katase, 110. Akinori Yoshida, 129¾, drew with Oto Okuchi, 129, in the opener.

Kumamoto Boxing Club. No telecast.

(05-26-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Switch-hitting Kazuo Osamu, 121½, stopped Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, at 2:32 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Boasting of an amateur kayo over Hidekazu Akai, Katsuhide Nomura, 155½, made his pro debut, came off the canvas, and finished Masahiro Inoue, 159½, at 1:42 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Yukio Hirata, 134¼, stopped Makoto Shibuya, 134¼, at 2:09 of the second canto. Seiji Sakurada, 107, halted Toshiyuki Masuda, 107, at 0:26 of the third round. Hideya Yamashiro, 131¾, outscored Tomoyuki Oya, 132½. Keiichi Takaminae, 130, drew with Takashi Oyagi, 126. TU Sasaki, 122, kayoed Keiichi Yamahira, 121½, in 1:46 of the first round. Junji Hamakawa, 112½, won over Hiroyuki Oshima, 113. Wolf Sato, 124¾, finished Takahiro Fujisawa, 125¾, at 1:22 of the fourth round. Yoichi Matsudaira, 118, polished off Tokuyuki Miura, 118, at 2:38 of the opening session. Masaru Matsumoto, 126, outscored Seiji Yamamichi, 125¼, in the opener.

King Sports Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,600.

(05-31-83)

▲OKINAWA—Okinawa City Gymnasium—German Torres, the WBC's top light flyweight at 111¼, dug a vicious body shot and flattened Manabu Irei, 111½, in 2:58 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Torres is 41-5-1 with 35 kayoes. Irei fell to 7-12-2 with three knockouts. A mismatch.

Unbeaten Tadashi Maruo, 117¾, survived a surprising knockdown and fought back to dispose of Susumu Sakima, 118, in 3:06 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Six rounders: Tomohiro Sakima, 107, outpointed Takeshi Irakai, 108. Hideki Idei, 122, decisioned Tomonori Miyagawa, 121¼.

Flipper Uehara Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.

(06-02-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Cheyenne Yamamoto, 135, scored an upset onesided decision to win the Japanese lightweight crown from Fujio Ozaki, 134½, 10. Yamamoto threw his vaunted combinations and continually had the defending champ retreating. Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 99-94; judges Ken Morita and Shoji Nakamori, 99-96 and 100-94—all for the challenger. Yamamoto boosted his•log to 13-5-5 with six kayoes. Ozaka fell to 11-2 with five knockouts.

Masahiro Tanabu, ex-amateur champ at 146, made it 3-0 with as many kayoes, stopping Eiichi Yotsuba, 147, at 2:41 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Keiji Sato, 111¼, won from Mitsuji Eimori, also 111¼. Tatsuya Toyama, 114, stopped Naoki Morioka, 112¾, at 0:18 of the fourth round. Masakazu Tanioka, 134½, won from Minoru Kujo, 134½. Shunji Tsuchiya, 111, halted Masanobu Suzuki, 111¼, at 2:07 of the fourth session. Fumihiro Shibayama, 117½, finished Yuji Tsukahara, 117¼, at 1:25 of the second canto. Masaya Takahashi, 128¾, decisioned Mitsuyuki Kuroda, 128¼, in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,500.

(06-03-83)

▲OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—Tomio Nakamura, 129¾, eked out a split decision over Kiyoshi Nonaka, 132, 10.

Masahiro Takagi, the JBC's sixth ranked featherweight at 126, won a unanimous nod over Masahide Ikehara, 125¼, eight.

Kaoru Yoshioka, 124¾, outpointed Tomikazu Kaneshiro, this year's Novice King tourney winner at 126, six.

Four rounders: Koichi Satojima, 131¾, TKO'd Sadatoyo Tobise, 125½, at 2:01 of the fourth round. Masahiro Naka, 121½, won over Hitoaki Tamamoto, 121. Michio Kawakami, 122, drew with Hiroyuki Matsumoto, 123¾. Hirokazu Arimoto, 132¼, stopped Masakazu Kibino, 134½, in the opener.

Kambayashi Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,700. (06-07-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Eijiro Murata, the OPBF bantamweight champion and the WBA's top contender at 118, halted Korean challenger Chong-Chul Park, also 118, at 0:17 into the fifth round in a scheduled twelve. It was Murata's twelfth defense. Park refused to come out fighting at the beginning of the fifth round, and referee Paul Field counted him out in his corner. Murata, 26, is 24-1-3 with 15 kayoes. Park, 23, fell to 14-4-4 with two knockouts.

Makoto Taguchi, the JBC's second ranked bantie at 117¾, was overpowered by Korean Jae-Myong Choi, 117½, and flattened with three knockdowns in 2:25 of the third round. Choi is now 11-1-2 with five kayoes. Taguchi is 12-3-1 with eight knockouts.

Having won the Novice King tourney in the flyweight division this year, unbeaten Takashi Sakakibara, 112, ran his log to 9-0 (two kayoes), as he demolished Hiroyuki Aikata, a glass jaw at 111¼, at 2:12 of the third round.

Four rounders: Shinichi Iwasaki, 121¼, demolished Minoru Kondo, also 121¼, at 1:21 of the second round. Each hit the deck before the stoppage. Kimio Koyama, 122, stopped Hiroshi Iwakiri, 120½, at 2:35 of the third canto. Katsunori Yamaguchi, 126, TKO'd Yasumichi Yamagata, 124½, at 0:34 of the fourth session. Hiroyuki Asano, 111¼, finished Masaaki Iida, 112, at 0:30 of the second canto. Masamitsu Minei, 117¼, drew with Michiro Oishi, 117¼, in the opener.

Haruhiro Sakamoto, 119¼, floored Isao Koide, 119¼, twice and stopped him at 1:27 of the first canto in a scheduled six.

Kaneko Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,200.

(06-13-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese junior featherweight champ Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 121¾, kept his national crown by copping a unanimous nod over Marciano (Masami) Sekiyama, 121¾, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-94; judges Ken Morita and Takeaki Kanaya, both 99-93—all for Iwamoto. Despite his soft punching, Iwamoto tabbed his seventh defense by taking the initiative all the way. Iwamoto is now 24-7-3 with four kayoes. Sekiyama fell to 16-10 with 14 knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, ex-Japanese featherweight boss Toshiyuki Tanaka, 126, fought back strongly and earned a split nod over Yoshinori Tanaka, 125. The winner, Tanaka, is now 14-2-2 with three kayoes.

Four rounders: Makoto Sawamura, 114¼, stopped Keiichi Wakoo, 114¼, at 2:47 of the first round. Michio Jinbo, 134, won a majority nod over Bishnu Malakar, 135. Lefty Koheita Tanaka, 123, TKO'd Shigeru Kuniyasu, at 1:02 of the third round. Hisao Ishido, 115½, stopped Takehiko Igarashi, 115¾, at 1:09 of the third. Koji Takahashi, 125¼, halted Yasuo Ebihara, 127¾, at 0:24 of the second. Toshiyuki Kanahama, 107½, drew with Hideaki Niizato, 107¼, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,000.

(06-14-83)

▲HACHINOHE—Hachinohe Gymnasium—Unbeaten Taijiro Miiyama, 146¾, made it 11 straight (with six kayoes) by dropping Tomohiro Nagao, 146, thrice for an automatic kayo in 1:59 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Rikuo Watanabe, 107, outscored the much shorter Isao Kimura, 106, 10.

Carlos Elliot, 139, a black American working at Misawa Base Camp, finished Nobuyuki Chisaka, 139½, at 2:38 of the second round in an eight. Carlos sent his victim to the canvas three times and upped his log to 2-0 with as many kayoes.

Four rounders: Hiromitsu Mito, 107, stopped Masao Kamikaze, also 107, at 2:59 of the third round. Tetsuo Kawaguchi, 140, polished off Kazumi Yokoi, 141¼, at 2:02 of the first. Toshio Matsuda, 124¾, drew with Shinichi Enomoto, 125¼, in the opener.

Hachinohe Kyoei Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.

(06-21-83)

▲TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Kazuhiro Ikeda, a fast rising junior fly at 110, halted ex-Japanese flyweight champ Kazuyoshi Funaki, also 110, at the end of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Funaki bled too profusely to continue, so ref Uchida called a halt on the official physician's advice.

Ikeda is now 14-2 with nine kayoes. Funaki is 12-16-3 with five knockouts.

Takeshi Mitsu, 124, had Hiroyuki Kobayashi, also 124, at bay with many knockdowns in rounds eight and nine, taking a unanimous nod, 10. Mitsu is now 14-3 with three kayoes.

Tiger Michigami, 129¼, exploded roundhouse left hooks and sank Shuichi Yamamoto, 128½, for the count in 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Minoru Abiko, 127¾, took 58 seconds to polish off Masato Kataoka, 127, in one. Takashi Kategawa, 147, lost to Tatsuzo Niiyama, 141½. Yoshinari Morimoto, 107½, outscored Tomi Itokazu, 108. Koji Kaneda, 112, decisioned Yusuke Matsumura, 111¾. Yoshio Kobayashi, 121½, stopped Koji Ueda, 122, at 1:49 of the second round in the opener.

Shinto Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.

(06-30-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Sok-Chul Bae, 119, the WBC's ninth ranked super flyweight, showed his strength in stopping Filipino Ric Tanza, 118¾, at 0:53 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Bae is now 19-2-1 with 11 kayoes. Tanza is 14-5-2 with seven knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, Hyung-Kil Chun, 129¼, fininshed Dong-Koo Woo, 130, at 1:44 of the seventh round to win the Korean junior lightweight title. Chun, beaten by Andy Ganigan in Hawaii, regained his usual zip after being discharged from military service.

The first 10 saw Filipino veteran Danilo Limpahan, 141½, dispose of Rank-Koo Park, also 141½, at 0:34 of the fourth session.

Tae-Sang Chun, 119¾, drew with Sung-Moon Choi, 120¼, eight.

Four rounders: Chong-Sung Koh, 127, stopped Yong-Shik Kim, 126½, at 0:53 of the first round. Hyun-Chul Kim, 124½, iced Ki-Ho Do, 125, in 1:30 of the opening session. Won-Ho Chung, 115¾, drew with Jung-Yong Park, 116½, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(05-01-83)

▲JINJU—Jinju Gymnasium—Formerly rated by the WBA, ex-OPBF welterweight champ Chung-Jae Hwang, 149¼, stopped Mexican Juan Ochoa, 148¾, at 0:29 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Hwang, dethroned by Jun-Sok Hwang years ago, thus upped his log to 23-2 with 21 kayoes.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, 140½, finished In-Sun Kim, 138¾, at 1:50 of the third round in an eight.

Hee-Bong Kim, 112¾, outpointed Sung-Kyu Kim, six.

Four rounders: Jun-Young Lim, 134½, decisioned Do-Youl Kim, also 134½. Ei-Jung Lee, 119, won from Sang-Oh Ra, 120. Sung-Kwan Lee, 113½, kayoed Jin-Kyu Hyun, 114, in 2:45 of the first round in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.

(05-01-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean junior featherweight champ Chan-Jung Chun, 121¾, barely kept his crown with a draw against In-Kil Kang, 122, 10. Chun, a durable infighter, is now 15-2-4 with seven kayoes. Kang is 13-6-3 with four knockouts.

Filipino Little Carupo, 119½, outpointed Chung-Taek Lee, 120¾, eight. Carupo is now 15-5-3. Lee is 8-1 with six kayoes.

Four rounders: Won-Keun Chae, 110, halted Pil-Jo Kim, 110, at 2:28 of the second. Woo-Dong Kim, 122½, stopped Sung-Soo Yuh, 122¼, at 0:53 of the third. Hee-Sok Kwon, 109¾, disposed of Jin-Young Cho, 108¾, at 2:08 of the second. Jong-Sok Hong, 116¾, won from Byung-Ki Chung, 115¾, in the opener.

Sangwon Promotions.

(05-03-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—It was a grudge match. Then OPBF junior flyweight champ Sung-Nam Kim had suffered an upset kayo at the hands of Filipino Elmer Magallano last year and was dropped from the world ratings. Kim, 111¾, looked a bit better, but was held to a draw by Magallano, 111½, in 10 close frames. Sung-Nam, beaten by Katsuo Tokashiki in his previous bid to win the WBA throne, is now 21-6-2 with 13 kayoes. Magallano is 12-6-4 with six knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Hi-Youn Chung, 116½, stop Diego de Villa, 115¼, a Filipino, at 2:15 of the eighth canto.

In the first 10, Bi-Won Chung, 107¾, became the new Korean junior flyweight champion by outscoring Soo-Nyun Mah, 108, in the KBC's eliminator. Chung is now 11-0-2 with three kayoes. Mah fell to 8-3-5 with one knockout.

Yun-Ho Park, 110¾, decisioned Kum-Sop Hah, 117½, eight.

Ho-Kyun Kim, 117½, halted Ro-Jun Park, 117¾, at 2:18 of the first canto in the opener.

Chungwoo Promotions.

(05-06-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Fast rising Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's fifth ranked super bantie at 122¼, proved too strong for Mexican Martin Hernandez, 121¾, and sank him with vicious body punches in 1:41 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. The elongated Lee, who demolished ex-WBA champ Ricardo Cardona last year, is now 25-4 with 11 kayoes. Martin fell to 17-4 with 12 knockouts.

Sok-Kyu Park, 137, decisioned Young-Wan Kim, 136¼, eight.

Jin-Ho Kim, 135, won from Chong-Kil Joung, 135¾, eight.

Ei-Chong Chung, 128¾, outscored Hee-Jae Yuh, 127, six.

Four rounders: Chan-Oun Chun, 122¾, decisioned Byung-Ki Kim, 121¼. Sung-Kyun Lee, 115¾, won over Joung-Soo Hwang, 116¼, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(05-07-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Up-and-coming puncher Eung-Shik Kim, 141¾, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 (with as many kayoes) by disposing of Mexican Jose Torres, 142, at 2:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Eung-Shik, the KBC's top junior welterweight contender, has made a fine entry into the paid ranks. Torres, a Mexican veteran, fell to a reported 42-9 (14 kayoes).

The semi-final saw Ok-Kyun Yuh, 116¾, outpoint another Mexican Antonio Escobar, also 116¾, 10. Yuh, formerly an outstanding amateur star, is now 9-1 with four kayoes. Escobar is a reported 41-6-2 with 29 knockouts.

Sou-Heang Lee, 140¾, stopped Keun-Young Nam, 139½, at 2:48 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Soo-Min Cho, 136, disposed of Dae-Kyun Park, also 136, at 2:48 of the second round. Chong-Soo Suh, 120¾, won from Jung-Sok Kwon, 121½. Jung-Won Kang, 131¼, decisioned Sung-Tae Lee, 132¼, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(05-08-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean lightweight boss Kyu-Woon Choi, 136¾, proved too much in power and aggressiveness, finishing Filipino Nick Caputol, 135½, at 2:02 of the second canto in a scheduled 10.

Choi is now 13-3 with six kayoes. Caputol fell to 38-11-2 with 15 knockouts.

Joo-Do Chun, 116¾, won from Young-Kil Choi, also 116¾, eight.

Young-Chul Hong, 117¼, lost to Kap-Sop Sung, 117, eight.

Sang-Do Chung, 153½, stopped Kyu-Shik Chun, 154, at 1:16 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Ke-Rae Chung, 119, decisioned Sung-Kwan Lee, 117¾. Ei-Jung Lee, 121¼, drew with Sung-Man Cho, 120, in the opener.

Korea Promotions.

(05-14-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Filipino veteran Neptali Alamag, 120, and Korean newcomer Ji-Won Kim, 119½, fought to a draw in their rematch, 10. They had drawn in their first bout in the Philippines last September. The lefthanders exchanged speedy rallies, but neither scored enough convincing punches to win the decision. Kim is 5-0-2. Alamag is 23-4-4 with 10 kayoes.

Hard-hitting Jin-Shik Choi, 131, kayoed Mexican Jorge Martinez, also 131, in 3:03 of the fourth round in their 10. Choi is now 8-0 (seven kayoes). Jorge is 13-4 with 12 kayoes.

Ki-Hwe Song, 148, knocked out Sang-How Yuh, 147¼, in 0:28 of the fifth canto in an eight.

Jae-Hong Kim, 109¾, made short work of Chong-Don Kim, 110, polishing him off at 1:21 of the first canto in their eight.

You-Kyung How, 120¼, was held to a draw by Chong-Hyuk Im, 119¾, six.

Sun-Hwan Suh, 126¼, decisioned Jae-Dong Lee, also 126½, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(05-17-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former Korean lightweight champ Hong-Kyu Lim, 137¾, caught up with Filipino Amy Pacana, 135½, and knocked him out in 2:36 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Lim is now 20-1 with 11 kayoes. Amy is 20-4-1 with nine knockouts.

Yung-Kil Chung, 148, stopped Dong-Bok Lee, 146½, at 1:37 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Sung-Ho Kim, 118¾, halted Kun-Ho No, 118¾, at 2:24 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Dong-Ki Shin, 109½, won from Kyung-Ho Lee, 110¼. Kwang-Soo Ahn, 122¼, drew with Chang-Oun Chun, 123¼. Yong-Sun Yum, 117½, decisioned Chong-Moon Kim, 118. Yong-Soo Cho, 122¾, outscored Sung-Ho Hong, also 122¾, in the opener.

Korea Promotions.

(05-21-83)

▲**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Kwang-Ho Song, 114½, the KBC's top flyweight contender, stopped Filipino Jemuel Maguinsay, 113½, at 0:38 of the 10th and final round. Song is now 5-1 with four kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw Song-Moon Choi, 120¼, stop Dong-Shik Park, 119, at 1:51 of the eighth canto. Choi, the KBC's number three bantie, is now 11-3-4 with five kayoes. Park fell to 10-2 with four knockouts.

Ho-Joung Kim, 117¼, won from Hyun-Moon Ahn, 116, six.

Kyung-Jae Chang, 108½, outscored Keum-Sop Han, 110, six.

Four rounders: Sung-Shik Ha, 142¾, drew with Jung-Po Park, 142. Young-Dae Koh, 124, won from Ki-Sun Park, 123½. Chang-Young Kim, 114¼, decisioned Jin-Heun Choi, 114½, in the opener.

Saeil Promotions.

(05-28-83)

▲**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—OPBF junior bantamweight champion Soon-Chung Kwon, the WBA's top contender at 114¼, retained his crown for the fifth time, as he landed a good countering right to knock out Filipino challenger Pat Bracero, 115, in 2:04 of the second round in a scheduled 12.

Kukdong Promotions.

(05-14-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Duk-Hwan Bae, 125, scored an important victory over Ronaldo Sumalis, former Filipino featherweight kingpin, also 125, via a decision, 10. Sumalis fell to 37-4-3 with 10 kayoes.

Tae-Yung Choi, 126, stopped Chong-Sung Koh, 125¾, at 2:53 of the seventh canto in an eight.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 116½, halted Chong-Man Chung, 116¼, at 0:19 of the fourth round in their eight.

Four rounders: Sok-Bong Kim, 116¼, disposed of Chong-Won Park, also 116¼, at 2:59 of the second session. Yung-Shik Kim, 141½, finished Chong-Kyu Park, also 141½, at 1:24 of the second. Hyun-Il Kim, 125¼, iced Hee-Song Shin, 124¾, in 3:03 of the third session. Sung-Chul Hong, 125¼, drew with Sung-Yul Kim, 125¾, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(05-28-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Kyung-Min Nah, 159½, became the new OPBF middleweight champion. He battered defending titlist Chong-Pal Park, 160, and knocked him out in 1:48 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. The unbeaten Nah dropped Park once with a wild left hook in the first round and sank the champ with solid body shots in the fatal canto.

Nah, 28, turned professional after a brilliant amateur career two years ago, and is now 12-0 with as many knockouts.

Chong-Pal fell to 28-3 with 27 kayoes. Their rematch is desired by Korean fight fans, as Park didn't look in good shape.

In the semi-final, Mun-Jin Choi, the KBC's top junior flyweight contender at 108¾, impressively beat Filipino Elmer Magallano, the WBA's fourth ranked junior fly at 109½, on points, 10.

Choi is now 16-2-2 with two kayoes. Elmer impaired to 15-5 with seven knockouts.

Mun-Kyun Joo, 120, won from Sang-Muk Lee, 119½, eight.

Four rounders: Min-Ha Hwang, 139, decisioned Sung-Hwan Yun, 137½. Kwang-Chul Sung, 108, outpointed Byung-Chul Ban, 106. Ung-San Choi, 112¾, won over Chong-Ho Shin, 112. Min-Taek Lim, 118½, drew with Myung-Chul Choi, 117½, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(05-29-83)

▲**CHINJU—Chinju Gymnasium**—OPBF flyweight kingpin Hi-Sop Shin, 111¼, registered his first defense, as he outsped and outpunched Filipino Allan Makitoki, 111½, halting him at 0:25 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12.

The groggy Allan absorbed a good one-two at the beginning of the fatal session and was counted out with his back to the ropes.

Shin, the WBA's second ranked 108-pounder, is now 26-1-1 with 12 kayoes. Makitoki dropped to 15-5-2 with five knockouts.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, 141, stopped Byung-Sun Yuh, also 141, at 2:30 of the second round in an eight.

Chong-Shik Lee, 139¼, TKO'd Sung-Ho Kim, also 139¼, at 0:12 into the fifth round in a; six.

Ha-Shik Lim, 111, won from Jae-Yun Lee, also 111, six.

Four rounders: Tae-Sung Oh, 109, stopped Chae-Min Yow, 110¼, at 2:22 of the fourth session. Jae Yun, 109, polished off Sok-Bong Kim, 110, at 2:35 of the first canto in the opener.

Korea Promotions.

(06-05-83)

▲**CHINJU—Chunju Gymnasium**—Wong-Shik Kim, 139½, won the Korean junior welterweight title by outpointing Hwang Woo, also 139½, 10. Kim is now 6-0 with five kayoes. Hwang is 13-2-3 with four knockouts.

Sang-Do Chun, 151½, won from Jin-Kon Kim, 151, eight.

Han-Jung Kim, 1;27¾, won a technical decision over Han-Wong Choi, 127¾, at 0:30 of the seventh round in their eight.

Tae-Kuk Park, 135½, decisioned Sung-Yul Kim, 134¼, six.

Sok-Soo Kim, 125½, won from Il-Soo Chung, 124½, six.

Four rounders: Sang-Kuk Do, 116¼, outscored Kum-Joo Do, 116¼. Now-Jin Yun, 118½, won from Kwang-Soo Kim, 118. Sung-Bok Kyun, 110, decisioned Chong-Soo Choi, also 110, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions. (06-12-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Heung-Sok Yuh, the WBA's seventh ranked lightie at 135, polished off Filipino Johnny Magastino, 134½, at 2:52; of the opening session in a scheduled 10.

Yuh is now 16-1-2 with 12 kayoes. Johnny fell to 17-4-1 with seven knockouts.

Joo-Do Chun, 115, gained the Korean junior bantamweight throne by stopping defending champ Hi-Yun Chung, 114¾, at 2:27 of the third canto in a 10. Chun is 11-1-3 with three kayoes. Chung is 10-2-1 with one kayo.

The first ten saw Jae-Hyung Yuh, Korean junior middleweight boss at 157¾, embalm Byung-In Chang, 158½, at 1:34 of the second round. Yuh's title was not at stake. Yuh is 17-3 with 13 kayoes. Chang is 6-11-4 with one knockout.

Jae-Hong Kim, 110, won from Keum-Sop Han, 110. Ki-Hae Song, 148¼, stopped Hi-Yung Lee, 148½, at 2:30 of the third canto. Kyung-Hyun Cho, 127¾, outscored Yang-Ki Lee, 127¾, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(06-26-83)

JOE KOIZUMI and YOO-CHANG KIM

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Lucien Rodriguez KO 8 Albert Syben
(Retains European title)
Gordy Racette W 10 Rickie Kellar
James Broad KO 8 Leroy Diggs
Lee Canalito KO 1 Ozell Williams
Lee Canalito W 8 James Dixon
Joe Thomas D 10 Mike White
Woody Clark W 6 Larry Alexander
Carl Williams W 10 Woody Clark
Arturo Diaz W 12 Fernando Montes
(Wins Mexican title)

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Lee Roy Murphy KO 1 Ivy Brown
Elijah Tillery W 10 William Hosea
Franklin Otts KO 2 Glen Hunter

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Rossman W 10 Robert White
Marcos Geraldo KO 8 David Smith
Alvino Manson KO 2 Phil Capobianco
Freddie Guzman KO 5 Tony Oville
Mike Brothers W 8 Gary Jones
Marvin Mack W 8 James Stills

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Leroy Hester KO 9 Wilford Scypion
Fred Hutchings W 10 Ernest Rabotte
Dwight Davison KO 8 Lindell Holmes
Kevin Perry KO 1 Lino Cajinas
Steve Traitz KO 6 Ken Heflin
Mike Tinley W 10 Robbie Sims
Kevin Perry KO 2 Randy Coleman
James Kinchen KO 2 Juan Diaz
Doug Holiman W 10 Noe Ramirez
Teddy Mann W 10 Dwight Walker
Jeff Stoudemire KO 3 Ricky Weigel
John Collins KO 9 Kenny Whetstone
Doug DeWitt KO 8 Kane Starling
Jimmy Price KO 3 Bobby Bland
Iran Barkley KO 5 Frank Minton

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sean Mannion W 10 Danny Chapman
Jimmy Batten KO 5 Billy Page
Earl Hargrove KO 2 Daryl Penn
Derrick Drane KO 3 Penaia Vunisa
Miguel Sepulveda KO 7 Lopez McGee
Willie Harris KO 4 Toby Smith
Calvin Porter W 10 Larry McCall
Hilario Capetillo KO 2 Bobby McCorvey
Anthony Releford KO 2 Chato Ramos
Oscar Saucedo KO 4 Lupe Arriaga
Joe Silver KO 2 Lacey Tate
Alex Hilton KO 1 Darrell Miller
Ferdo Shkrelli W 8 Brian Davis
Tommy Smith W 8 Jose Pacheco
Raul Nava KO 2 Mike Landini

WELTERWEIGHTS

Milton McCrory W 12 Colin Jones
(Wins vacant WBC title)
Marlon Starling W 12 Tommy Ayers
(Retains NABF/USBA titles)
Nino LaRocca W 10 Pete Ranzany
Patrick Jefferson W 10 Joe Salazar
Hedgeman Robertson KO 7 Frankie Moultrie
Dave Hilton KO 3 Bruce Strauss
Robert Rucker KO 8 Rahdames Garcia

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Gene Hatcher KO 5 Luis Rivera Valle
Johnny Bumphus KO 8 Nani Romero
John Lira W 10 Nate Stewart
Jeff Fryman KO 3 Jerry Strickland
Davey Montana KO 1 Johnny Redd
Efren Olivo W 10 John Morgan
Primo Rojas KO 8 Othoniel Lopez

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Robin Blake KO 9 Tony Baltazar
Frankie Baltazar KO 8 Pat Duran
Ivan Montalvo W 8 Herb Darity
Anthony Fletcher W 10 Miguel Rodriguez
Melvin Paul W 12 Bobby Johnson
Rodolpho Gonzalez W 10 James Martinez
Connie Swift KO 6 Joe Perez
Charles Brwon W 10 Todd Longmire
Kelvin Lampkins KO 4 Greg Triplett
Jose Gonzalez KO 7 O.C. Harper
Gaetan Hart W 8 Kenny Smith
Darryl Tyson W 8 Vinnie Costello
Charles Adams W 8 Luke Lecce

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hector Camacho KO 5 Rafael Limon
(Wins vacant WBC title)
Roger Mayweather KO 1 Benedicto Villablanca
(Retains WBA title)
Calvin Groves W 8 Juan Figueroa
Delio Palacios W 10 Juan Antonio Perez
Martin Galvan W 10 Manuel Abedoy
Steve Cruz W 8 Jose Resendez
Ralph Aviles W 10 Leo Simmons

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Juan Paredes W 10 Edwin Salgado
Pascual Aranda W 10 Lenny Valdez
Paul DeVorce W 10 Ricky Wallace
Mauricio Beltran KO 3 Arturo Hernandez
Mario Martinez W 10 Angel Alvarez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Oscar Muniz W 10 Jeff Chandler
James Pipps KO 6 Angel Lira
Wilfredo Vasquez KO 3 Robert Mullins
Mario Rodriguez KO 2 Felipe Rocha
Carlos Mendoza KO 7 Silvino Valencia

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Harold Petty W 12 Daniel Zaragosa
Greg Richardson W 8 Baby Kid Chocolate
Ricardo Aguilar KO 5 Miguel Ordonez

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS

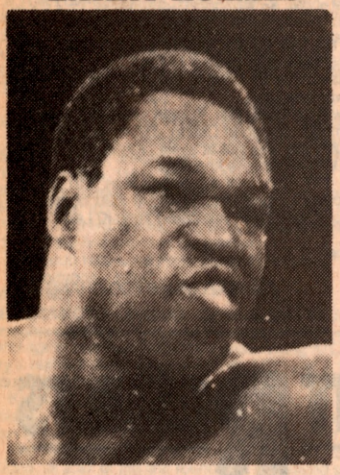
Rafael Solis KO 4 Benny Marquez
Alberto Mercado KO 6 Victor Paredes

FLYWEIGHTS

Rafael Caban W 12 Edwin DeJesus
Joey Olivo W 12 Ian Clyde
(Wins USBA/I titles)
Sugar Baby Rojas W 12 Alfonso Lopez
Javier Lucas KO 4 Elid Fernandez
Miguel Dominguez KO 6 Augustin Resendiz
Noe Gonzalez KO 2 Marcos Guzman
Sergio Moreno KO 4 Jacinto Gutierrez

HEAVYWEIGHTS

LARRY HOLMES



BORN ON NOVEMBER 3, 1949, IN Cuthbert, Georgia ... Height: 6′ 3″ ... Reach: 80″ ... Had a 19-3 amateur record ... Two of the losses were to hard-hitting southpaw Nick Wells and Duane Bobick in the 1972 Olympic Trials ... Turned professional in March, 1973 with a four-round decision against Rodell Dupree ... Got his big break on March 25, 1978, when he shut out Earnie Shavers over 12 rounds ... On June 9, 1978, Holmes won a 15-round decision against Ken Norton, winning Norton's WBC title—which the WBC had taken from Leon Spinks and bestowed on top contender Norton ... Since that time, Holmes had defended his crown 15 times ... Has been floored three times in his career ... Kevin Isaac did it in November, 1973 ... Earnie Shavers did it in September, 1979 ... Renaldo Snipes did it in November, 1981 ... All three did it with right hands ... Tied with Tommy Burns for divisional record of consecutive knockouts in title fights (8) ... Has also gone the most consecutive rounds of any heavyweight champion without knocking an opponent down (50) ... After flooring Gerry Cooney in the second round on June 11, 1982, Holmes went on to stop Cooney in round 13, without decking him again ... In November, 1982, he outpointed Randall Cobb over 15 rounds ... Then came a March 27, 1983, 12-round decision against Frenchman Lucien Rodriguez, and a May 20, 1983, 12-round victory over Philadelphia's Tim Witherspoon ... Resides with his wife, Diane, and their two children in a home in Easton, Pa., for which he paid almost a half million dollars, but can now sell for almost three-quarters of a million ... Will defend against unbeaten Scott Frank and Marvis Frazier before facing No. 1 contender Greg Page ... Deserves to be alongside the greatest heavyweights of all time ... His jab was quite probably the best one ever seen ... Overall record: 43-0, 30 knockouts.

MICHAEL DOKES

BORN ON AUGUST 10, 1958 ... Height: 6′2″ ... Grew up in Akron, Ohio ... Had an amateur record of 147-7 ... One of his hobbies is gourmet cooking ... At age 16, dropped a split-decision to three-time Olympic heavyweight champion Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba ... Holder of two amateur victories over John Tate, as well as amateur wins against Greg Page and Marvin Stinson ... In late 1975, lost a close decision to Leon Spinks ... The loss to Spinks soured him on AAU policy and he turned pro in January, 1976 ... Won 18 straight bouts before being held to a 10-round draw by Ossie Ocasio in a boring TV bout ... Stopped Ocasio in the first round of a rematch less than a year later ... Started to live up to his "Dynamite" nickname with knockouts over British champ John L.

Gardner, Lynn Ball and Franco Thomas ... Challenged WBA champ Mike Weaver for the title on December 10, 1982 in one of the most controversial bouts in heavyweight history ... Referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight just 63 seconds into the first round after Dokes had floored the champ and was then hammering him along the ropes ... Cries of fix were charged and suspicions arose because Dokes is managed by promoter Don King's son, Carl ... Rematch was ordered by the WBA and on May 20th of this year in the broiling sun of Las Vegas, Dokes silenced the critics about his stamina by going the 15-round distance ... Bout was declared a draw ... Most ringside viewers felt Weaver won ... Will defend his title against No. 1 rated Gerrie Coetzee on September 23rd ... Overall record: 26-0-2, 15 knockouts.

MIKE WEAVER

BORN ON JULY 7, 1952, IN GATESVILLE, Texas ... Height: 6′ 1″ ... Excellent athlete ... Set many of his high school's records in track and field ... Also excelled in football and baseball

... Joined the Marines in 1969 ... Began boxing in the service ... Was stopped by Howard "KO" Smith in his pro debut ... September 14, 1972 ... Went to 0-2 the next month, dropping a five-round decision in a rematch to Smith ... Spent his early years as a sparring partner for Ken Norton, who nicknamed him "Hercules" ... Don Manuel became his manager in 1975 ... At the time, Weaver's record was 8-6 ... Stepped in as a last-minute opponent for Stan Ward in January, 1979, and lost a close, 12-round decision ... Seven months later, was again called as a last-minute sub, this time against Leroy Jones ... Once again, Weaver lost a narrow, 12-round decision ... Stopped Ward in a rematch one year later ... Was "Mike Who?" when given a title shot against Larry Holmes in June, 1979 ... Fought gallantly, taking the fight to the champ before being stopped in the 12th round ... Two subsequent victories catapulted Weaver into a WBA title fight against John Tate on March 31, 1980 ... A single left hook to the chin made Weaver a champion ... Defended the title for the first time on October 25, 1980, stopping Gerrie Coetzee in one of the year's best fights ... Didn't defend the title for almost another year, when, on October 3, 1981, outpointed James Tillis over 15 rounds in one of the dullest heavyweight title fights of all time ... It was another 14 months before Weaver fought again ... In between, two scheduled dates against Randall (Tex) Cobb had to be postponed—first because of an injury to Weaver, then because of an injury to Cobb ... On December 10, 1982, Weaver defended against Michael Dokes in Las Vegas ... The fight, shown live on HBO, left plenty of time for replays, as Weaver was dropped in the bout's opening seconds, then pummelled against the ropes, prompting referee Joey Curtis to push the panic button and stop the fight after just 63 seconds ... In a May 20, 1983, rematch, Weaver battled Dokes to a draw over 15 rounds, the first draw in heavyweight title history since Jack Johnson and Battling Jim Johnson drew over 10 rounds on December 19, 1913 ... Still one of the world's most formidable heavyweights should he decide to make the most of his boxing career ... Overall record: 24-10-1, 16 knockouts.

GREG PAGE

BORN ON OCTOBER 25, 1958, IN Louisville, KY ... Went to the same high school as Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., attended ... Height: 6′ 4″ ... Has an 81-inch reach, a snapping jab and a quick hard right that is among the best in the division ... Had a 90-11 amateur

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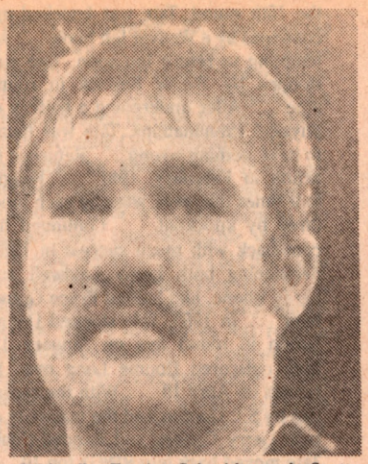
record, including 55 knockouts ... Turned pro in 1979 ... Because of his sterling amateur career, was the first of the new RING's "New Faces" that year ... Knocked out nine consecutive opponents until Baltimore's George Chaplin made Page work to earn a decision over 10 rounds on April 5, 1980 ... Won a second close decision against Chaplin in August, 1981 ... Usually weighs in at more than 230 pounds for a fight, though it is not a solid 230 pounds ... Generally carries "excess baggage" around his middle ... Took a 2-0 record into a June 11, 1982 fight against Trevor Berbick ... Although he weighed a career-low 221½ pounds, Page never looked slower, as Berbick pounded out a 10-round decision ... In that fight, Page suffered a broken right thumb ... Returned to action on November 25, 1982, stopping James Tillis in the round ... Had to get off the floor in the round in order to do so ... On February 12, 1983, outpointed hard-hitting Larry Frazier over 10 rounds on ABC-TV ... On May 20, decisioned Renaldo Snipes over 12 rounds to retain the USBA heavyweight crown he won by stopping Stan Ward in round seven on February 7, 1981 ... Has the most natural talent in the division, but critics are still waiting for him to put it all together ... Overall record: 22-1, 17 knockouts.

GERRIE COETZEE

BORN: AUGUST 4, 1955, IN BOKSBURG South Africa ... Height: 6'3" ... Had 201-2 amateur record ... A worldwide boycott of South Africa probably cost Coetzee (pronounced KOAT-see-ah) a shot at Teofilo Stevenson in the 1972 Olympics ... Has straight-up European style, hard left jab, and potent right cross ... Suffered a severe break of his right hand in a 1977 fight against Mike Schutte ... Underwent surgery on the hand to fuse the bones back together ... The repaired right was dubbed "bionic" following Gerrie's 123 second KO of Leon Spinks in 1979 ... Has lost two WBA title fights ... On October 20, 1979, he dropped a 15-round decision to John Tate for Muhammad Ali's vacated title and was knocked out in the 13th round by Mike Weaver on October 25, 1980 ... On August 9, 1981, dropped Renaldo Snipes twice only to lose a 10-round verdict that was universally recognized as the "Worst Decision of the Year" ... More hand problems followed and after knockouts of Leroy



Caldwell, Fossie Schmidt and Scott LeDoux, he decided to campaign for a third title shot in America ... Stopped Stan Ward in two and while training for Pinklon Thomas, broke the right hand again ... Finally fought Thomas on January 22 of this year but hand was not healed properly ... Looked slow and survived a deep cut over his eye to salvage a draw ... Will get his third crack at the WBA title on September 23rd against Michael Dokes ... Overall record: 28-3-1, 17 knockouts.

PINKLON THOMAS

BORN ON FEBRUARY 10, 1958 ... HEIGHT 6' 3" ... Resides in Wyncote, Pa., with his wife, Cathy, and their son, Pinklon III ... Featured in RING's "New Faces" in the January, 1980 issue ... Only had three amateur fights, winning them all ... Grew up in Pontiac, Michigan ... Hung around older youths, who demanded he prove his toughness ... It led to a drug habit at the age of 12

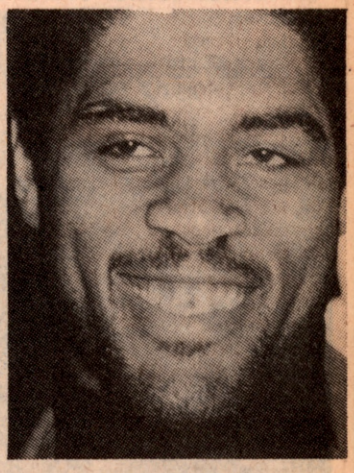
... Despite the drug problem, became the star center on his basketball team ... Continued his drug habit into his late teens ... It was then he met his wife, Cathy ... To help him break the drug habit, Cathy joined the Army to get her husband away from the drug-infested streets of Pontiac ... Thomas cold-turkeyed his drug problem and turned to the gym, boxing and athletics ... Runs the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds ... Converted southpaw ... Unlike most southpaws, can knock a man out with either hand ... In an August, 1980 bout seen on ESPN, Thomas fought Jerry Williams ... In the first round, Thomas broke his left hand ... In the second round, broke his right hand ... Out-feinted and out-boxed Williams over 10 rounds to earn a controversial decision ... In 1982, Thomas fought four times, winning each time, three by knockout ... His big break came on August 14, 1982, when Thomas filled in as a late substitute against James Tillis on ABC-TV ... Thomas halted Tillis in the eighth round ... Took a bad chest cold into a January 22, 1983 bout against Gerrie Coetzee ... Thomas fell behind early in the fight, then rallied to back up Coetzee, cut his left eye and pummel him to earn a 10-round draw ... The fight was shown on CBS ... On March 26, stopped Alfonzo Ratliff in the 10th round ... Overall record: 22-0, 18 knockouts.

TIM WITHERSPOON

BORN ON DECEMBER 27, 1957 ... HEIGHT: 6' 3" ... Best fighting weight: 210 pounds ... Managed by Slim Jim Robinson ... Grew up in rough South Philadelphia ... Began boxing as an amateur at age 14 ... Studied at Lincoln University in Missouri ... Played one season at tight end on football team ... Became disenchanted with both football and college and quit "to find something else" ... Found he preferred the gym to the gridiron ... Turned pro in 1979, scoring 1st round knockout of Joey Adams in debut bout on October 30 ... Brutal gym fighter, quickly became known around the Philadelphia gyms as "Terrible Tim" ... The nickname stuck ... Began to attract more than local attention when he whipped the previously undefeated Marvin Stinson in Atlantic City in February 1981 10-rounder ... Brought a 14-0 record into June, 1982 nationally-televised bout with Renaldo Snipes ... Was favored to beat the Yonkers, N.Y. veteran ... Witherspoon retreated

from the light-hitting Snipes for much of the second half of the fight, but pulled out an unpopular majority decision by taking the 10th and final round ... Was inactive for next 11 months ... Returned to ring with May 20, 1983 title challenge vs. Larry Holmes ... Was expected to be easy mark for the titlist ... Surprised everyone by giving Holmes his toughest battle since he won the title ... Left hook that Witherspoon landed in round 9 almost floored Holmes ... Slowed down in final three rounds and lost by split decision ... Came back to score easy victory over Jumbo Cummings in summer ... Overall record: 15-1, 10 knockouts.

RENALDO ("MR.") SNIPES

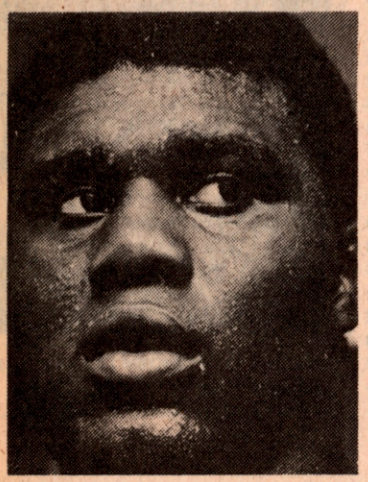


BORN ON AUGUST 15, 1953, IN Houston, Texas ... Height: 6'2½" ... Legal name: Reenaold Snipes ...

IN BOXING®

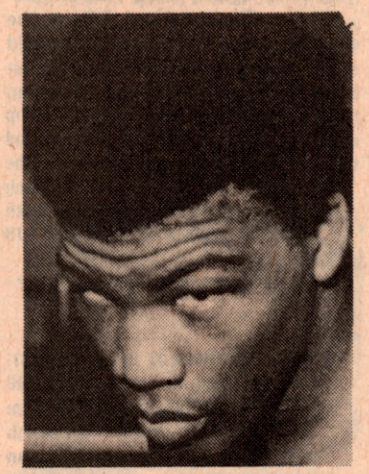
Raised in Wichita ... Moved to Compton, Calif., after graduating high school in 1971 ... Bounced around a few colleges but had no goal in life until he met the Rev. Jimmie J. Williams in late 1973 ... Amateur record: 63-9 ... Signed Pat Versace to manage him as a pro in 1978 ... Turned pro late that year ... Won both fights in 1978 and all eight fights in 1979 ... In 1980, Versace sold Snipes' contract to Yonkers, N.Y., businessman Nick Ratteni, Jr., who Snipes recently dismissed, for $1,400 10-round decision victories against Leroy Boone and Jumbo Cummings in early 1981 led Snipes into a 10-round, non-title fight against then-WBA light heavyweight king Eddie Mustafa Muhammad ... A 3-1 underdog, Snipes easily outpointed Muhammad on May 17 ... On August 9, was dropped twice, but given the decision against Gerrie Coetzee in Tarrytown, N.Y. ... The fight was called "Robbery of the Year" by the RING ... Was rewarded for the victory with a title shot against Larry Holmes ... Dropped Holmes in the seventh round, only to have Holmes storm back and stop him in round 11 ... Was on the short end of two close decisions, drawing with Scott Frank and losing to Tim Witherspoon ... Rebounded back into title position by dropping Trevor Berbick early en route to a big 10-round decision ... Only fight in 1983 was a 12-round title elimination bout with Greg Page on May 20th ... Fought the second half of the fight with a badly swollen left and was easily outpointed by Page ... One of the more colorful heavyweights around ... Overall record: 23-3-1, 11 knockouts.

JAMES (QUICK) TILLIS



BORN ON JULY 5, 1957, IN TULSA, Oklahoma ... Height: 6′ 1″ ... Was 92-8 as an amateur ... One of his amateur losses by was split-decision to John Tate ... Enjoys the sport of "bronco busting" ... Managed by a group of Chicago businessmen, which calls itself "Quick Associates," headed by James Kaulentis ... Trained by Angelo Dundee ... Much of his early career was carried on ESPN ... Took a 20-0 record into a shot at Mike Weaver and the WBA heavyweight crown on October 3, 1981 ... Despite Dundee's exhortations to stop running and fight, Tillis lost a unanimous decision to Weaver ... The fight was shown live on HBO ... Was knocked on his face in the ninth round on the way to winning a 10-round decision over Earnie Shavers, June 11, 1982 ... On August 14, 1982, faced Pinklon Thomas on ABC ... Thomas won via an eighth-round TKO ... Returned to action on November 25, 1982, against Greg Page ... A Tillis right found Page's jaw at the end of the second round, flooring him ... Page came back to stop Tillis in round eight ... At that point, it looked as if his career was over ... However, Dundee refused to give up on him ... Brought him back in 1983 with a series of confidence-building matches ... Has decisioned Leroy Boone and stopped Grady Daniels, Larry Givens and Lynwood Jones in 1983 ... Overall Record: 25-3, 20 knockouts.

JOHN TATE



BORN ON JANUARY 29, 1955, IN MARION City, Arkansas ... Height: 6′ 4″ ... Weight: 235-240 pounds ... Managed by Ace Miller ... Amateur Record: 96-6 ... Represented the United States in the 1976 Olympics ... Won his first two matches by decision, beating the Polish and German representatives ... In the semi-finals, was knocked out in the first round by Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson ... Turned pro in May, 1977 ... Won eight fights that year, six by knockout ... Added nine more victories in 1978, including seven knockouts ... By the start of 1979, was ready to make his move ... During this time, was working out three times per day ... In his first network appearance, stopped Duane Bobick in the first round on February 17 ... On June 2, traveled to Mmbatho, South Africa, to face Kallie Knoetze ... Stopped Knoetze in the eighth round ... The victory put him in line to fight for Muhammad Ali's vacant WBA title, which Ali won when he beat Leon Spinks in September, 1978, then retired ... On October 20, 1979, Tate outpointed Gerrie Coetzee over 15 rounds to become WBA heavyweight king ... Tate was 20-0, with 15 knockouts ... In his first title defense, on March 31, 1980, in front of hometown fans in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tate took a huge lead into the 15th round against Mike Weaver ... Late in the 15th round, Tate was knocked unconscious by a Weaver left hook ... Attempting to return too soon, Tate was stopped by Trevor Berbick in round nine ... After undergoing a battery of physical examinations, Tate was found to have nothing wrong ... Returned to action in February, 1981 ... Fought four times that year, winning each time, three by knockout ... Continued his comeback with much success in 1982, decisioning both Leroy Caldwell and Leroy Boone, and halting Bruce Grandham ... In 1983, Tate stopped Danny Sutton in round five on January 13, then outscored Donnie Long over 10 rounds on April 10 ... With the recent loss by S.T. Gordon and the inactivity of both Gerry Cooney and Randall Cobb, Tate moved back into RING's top 10 ... Overall Record: 29-2, 20 knockouts.

GERRY COONEY

BORN ON AUGUST 24, 1956 ... RESIDENT of Huntington, Long Island, New York ... Won 55 of 57 amateur fights and two New York Golden Gloves titles. Stands 6′ 6″ and has an 81-inch reach ... Converted southpaw ... Possesses the most gifted left in the division ... It is quick and it is powerful ... His hook and left uppercut carry knockout power ... His right, as exposed by Larry Holmes on June 11, 1982, is, at best, average ... Though powerful, Cooney's right is slow and tentative ... Co-managed by Dennis Rappaport and Michael R. Jones ... Trained by Victor Valle ... Fastest knockout came on January 14, 1978 against Terry Lee Kidd, who was counted out at :20 of the first round after being nailed by a double hook from "Gentleman Gerry" ... Until fighting Holmes, the farthest Cooney ever went in a fight is eight rounds (twice) ... In both those fights (against Sam McGill and Eddie Lopez), Cooney had matters his way, winning lopsided unanimous decisions ... Against Holmes, Cooney found out what fighting a champion—and fighting the "championship distance"—is all about ... Despite lacking confidence as the fight grew older, Cooney valiantly hung in against the champion, finally wilting in the 13th round ... Cooney lost when Valle jumped in the ring to rescue him from a Holmes onslaught in round 13 ... Though the fight, held in Las Vegas, is listed by the Nevada Commission as a 13th round disqualification, the result will appear as a "KO by 13" under Cooney's name in *The Ring Record Book* ... Went into a deep depression following the loss to Holmes, feeling he had let vast number of people down ... Was scheduled to return against Phillip Brown last June 18, when a hand injury cancelled the fight ... Surgery was performed in July on Cooney's left knuckle ... Tendons and ligaments were repaired, and bone chips were removed ... A pin was also inserted in the hand ... Doctors expect Cooney's hand to be better than ever when he returns to action in late 1983 ... Because he hasn't fought since losing to Holmes, Cooney has been dropped out of the top 10 in virtually everybody's ratings ... Overall record: 25-1, 21 knockouts.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

MICHAEL SPINKS

BORN ON JULY 14, 1956 ... HEIGHT 6′2″ ... Was one of five U.S. boxers to win a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics ... Is the only one of those five still undefeated in his pro career ... Two of them (Leo Randolph and Sugar Ray Leonard) are already retired ... Turned pro in April, 1977, with a first-round knockout ... Was 6-0 by the end of that first year ... Went to 7-0 on the undercard of Leon Spinks-Muhammad Ali I in February, 1978 ... Fought just twice in the next 20 months as he tried to keep track of brother Leon, and keep him out of trouble ... Finally returned to action in November, 1979 ... Won all five of his 1980 bouts, including impressive knockouts of Ramon Ronquillo and Yaqui Lopez ... Started off 1981 with a KO

of Willie "The Bull Taylor" ... Then scored sensational one-punch knockout of former champ Marvin Johnson in a nationally televised bout in March, 1981 ... Calls his right hand knockout punch "The Spinks Jinx" ... Knocked down WBA light heavyweight king Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and went on to win a unanimous decision and the title on July 18, 1981 ... Defended the WBA title five times, stopped Vonzell Johnson, Murray Sutherland, Mustapha Wasajja, Jerry Celestine and John Davis ... On March 18, 1982, became the first undisputed light heavyweight king since Bob Foster, decisioning Dwight Braxton

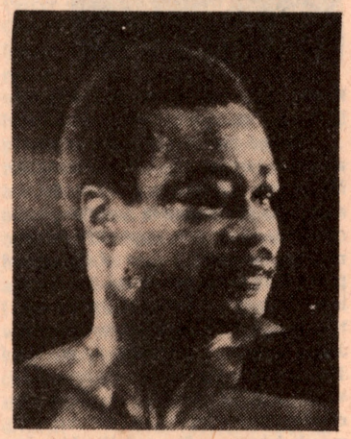
over 15 rounds . . . In one of 1983's most important yet most disappointing bouts, Spinks jabbed and ran his way around Braxton, never standing to exchange punches with the shorter WBC champion . . . Saw his scheduled July 18 rematch with Eddie Mustafa Muhammad cancelled when Muhammad weighed in at 177½ pounds the morning of the fight, then refused to make weight . . . At first, Spinks okayed a 10-round non-title bout against Muhammad, then changed his mind fours hours before fight time . . . The ensuing controversy has made Spinks-Muhammad an even more anticipated and marketable rematch than Spinks-Braxton . . . Spinks has talked of a move into the cruiserweight division, followed by a jump into the heavyweight ranks . . . He may be one of the few light heavyweights in history with the physical size and power to successfully compete in boxing's biggest division . . . Overall record: 23-0, 16 knockouts.

DWIGHT BRAXTON (QAWI)

BORN ON JANUARY 5, 1953 . . . HEIGHT: 5'6¾", which makes him the shortest light heavyweight champion in history . . . Resides in Camden, N.J. . . . Nickname: "The Camden Buzzsaw" . . . Never had an amateur bout, only "a couple of real tough street fights" . . . His rough beginnings led him to a life of crime and five years in Rahway State Penitentiary . . . His older brother, Tony, also served time in Rahway . . . Turned pro in April, 1978, with a six-round draw against Leonard Langley . . . Fought twice more than that year, beating Lou Benson and dropping a six-round decision to John Davis . . . After the Davis fight, took on a new management team, signing up with Wesley Mouzon and Quenzell McCall . . . In 1980, won the ESPN Light Heavyweight Championship . . . Began 1981 with a 10-round revenge decision against Davis . . . Braxton then outpointed Al Bolden, knocked out former WBA light heavyweight king Mike Rossman in round seven and returned to Rahway for an afternoon to win a 10-round verdict against inmate James Scott . . . Took a string of 14 victories into a December 19, 1981, WBC title shot against Matthew Saad Muhammad . . . Halted Saad in the 10th round, one of 1981's biggest upsets . . . Made three defenses of his WBC title in 1982, stopping Jerry Martin and Saad Muhammad in six rounds apiece, while taking 11 rounds to halt Eddie Davis on NBC-TV, November 20, after putting Davis down on round one . . . Braxton claimed a cold had sapped his strength in that bout . . . Faced Michael Spinks in a title unification bout on March 18, 1983, in the Atlantic City Convention Hall . . . Although he finished the 15-rounder stronger than Spinks, Braxton had allowed the taller WBA champion to pile up an early, insurmountable lead . . . The only hint of Braxton's old fire came in round eight, when Spinks went down three times . . . However, only Spinks' second trip to the canvas was ruled a legitimate knockdown . . . Following the fight, Braxton underwent surgery for a deviated septum . . . Is only days away from a rubber match against John Davis . . . Has announced plans to move into the cruiserweight division . . . Overall record: 19-2-1, 12 knockouts.

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD

BORN EDDIE GREGORY ON APRIL 20, 1952 . . . Grew up in Brownsville, Brooklyn . . . Height: 6'1½" . . . Won two New York Golden Gloves championships in the welterweight division . . . Turned pro as a junior middleweight in September, 1972 . . . Fought as a middleweight for three years, until dropping a split-decision to Bennie Briscoe . . . Moved into the lightweight division in his next fight . . . Proceeded to win nine consecutive fights, knocking out everybody but a man named Matthew (Saad Muhammad) Franklin, whom he beat on a split-decision, March 11, 1977 . . . On November 20, 1977, lost a close decision to Victor Galindez for the WBA title . . . Won seven consecutive fights before losing a one-sided 12-round decision to James Scott in October, 1978 . . . Came back by winning all six of his fights in 1979 . . . Given a title shot against Marvin Johnson on March 31, 1980, in Knoxville, Tennessee . . . Used his brilliant boxing abilities and some brutal body-punching to win the WBA title on an 11th-round TKO . . . Made two defenses before losing a non-title fight to then-unbeaten heavyweight contender Renaldo Snipes on May 17, 1981 . . . Two months later, lost a decision — and his crown — to Michael Spinks . . . Began his quest for a second world title on December 11, stopping Mike Harden in the eighth round . . . In 1982, outpointed Pablo Ramos and easily disposed of Lotte Mwale via a fourth-round knockout . . .



At least temporarily blew his chance to become the third light heavyweight to regain the title (Victor Galindez and Marvin Johnson are the others) when he refuse to sweat off 2½ pounds the day of his July 18, 1983 rematch against Michael Spinks . . . Mustafa claimed promoter Butch Lewis had "rigged" the official scale, a claim he also made in his first fight with Spinks, when he (Mustafa) said he lost the fight in the steamroom . . . Although the controversy surrounding the bout makes it more interesting, one has to wonder how much Mustafa's age (31) and constant weight problems detracts from his chances against Spinks . . . In his lone 1983 appearance, decisioned Jerry Celestine over 10 rounds . . . Overall record: 41-6-1, 34 knockouts.

EDDIE DAVIS

BORN ON OCTOBER 4, 1951 . . . 5'10" . . . Resides in Freeport, Long Island, New York . . . One of 14 children . . . Brother John is also a light heavyweight contender . . . After a brilliant amateur career, highlighted by two New York Golden Gloves championships and a stoppage of Gerry Cooney, Davis turned pro in September, 1975 . . . His manager at the time was incapable of moving him . . . Despite winning his first 11 fights, Davis was going nowhere . . . His first publicity came when Marvin Johnson stopped him on a severe eye cut caused by a butt in April, 1978 . . . Was off for the next 14 months as he pondered his future . . . Returned in June, 1979, with Dennis Rappaport as his manager . . . As a stablemate of Gerry Cooney, Davis figured to watch his career rapidly take off . . . Such was not the case . . . After winning six fights, Davis was shocked by Pete McIntyre, falling in the second round . . . Seven months later, Davis was back for what he said would be his "final try" . . . Fought four times in 1981, winning three by knockout and one by decision . . . Reeled off three consecutive KO wins in 1982, including a sixth-round stoppage of Murray Sutherland for the USBA light heavyweight crown on June 11, which put him in line for a shot at Dwight Braxton's WBC title . . . Although he was stopped in the 11th round by Braxton on November 20, Davis' standing in the division was enhanced by his performance . . . Surviving a fearsome knockdown in the first round, he came back to befuddle and hurt Qawi with counterpunches before running out of gas in the late rounds . . . Has won two fights over veteran James Williams in 1983, the first a 10-round decision, the second an eighth-round TKO . . . A fast-handed puncher with power in both fists, Davis is still considered to be among the best fighters in the world at 175 pounds . . . Trained by Jo Jo Moore, who's been with him from the start . . . Overall record: 25-3-1. 16 knockouts.

CARLOS DE LEON

BORN ON MAY 4, 1959, IN RIO PIEDRAS, Puerto Rico . . . Managed by "Honest" Bill Daly . . . Solid puncher with both hands . . . Fine legs and good lateral movement for a big man . . . Turned pro as a junior welterweight in 1974, shortly after his 15th birthday . . . Fought three times that year in the Virgin Islands, winning all three fights by knockout . . . Fought at least four times a year going into 1980 . . . By that time, he was a full grown light heavyweight who could easily step into another 10 pounds and make them fit comfortably . . . Led off 1980 with a first-round knockout of Waldemar Paulino . . . Followed that with an eight-round stoppage of veteran Mario Rosa . . . With a 29-1-1 record, was given a shot at boxing's first cruiserweight champion, Marvin Camel . . . On the undercard to Leonard-Duran II, DeLeon chopped up Camel over 15 rounds, winning the decision and the title . . . In 1981, disposed of Greg Payne with a third-round knockout, before running into a heavy fists of S.T. Gordon . . . On June 27, 1982, was stopped by Gordon in round two . . . Stunned a national TV audience with an easy sixth round TKO of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks on March 6, 1983 . . . Recaptured the WBC cruiserweight title with a 12-round thrashing of Gordon in July, 1983 . . . Using his hand and foot speed, he totally outclassed the much slower Gordon . . . A classy boxer/puncher, "Sugar" DeLeon could give the cruiserweights some recognition and stability if he would stay active . . . Overall record: 31-2-1, 23 knockouts.

JOHN DAVIS

BORN ON AUGUST 6, 1953, IN ROWLAND, North Carolina . . . Now resides in Hempstead, Long Island . . . One of 14 children . . . Brother Eddie is also a world-ranked light heavyweight . . . Height: 5'9½" . . . Managed by Charlie Zwerdling and Bob Rosen . . . Trained by disciplinarian Reynolds "Ren"

Morgan ... Moved to Long Island from N. Carolina in 1972 ... Began boxing the following year as an amateur ... Won the New York Golden Gloves light heavyweight title twice ... Amateur record: 54-6 ... Two of these victories were over Gerry Cooney, then a lightweight ... His 1975 victory against Cooney came in the finals of the New York Golden Gloves at Madison Square Garden ... Had 1976 Olympic hopes dashed by dropping three close decisions to eventual gold medalist and future world heavyweight king Leon Spinks ... One of those losses was in the Olympic Trials, another in the box-offs ... Coverted southpaw ... An avid fight fan who watches as many fights as he can on TV ... He also attends most fight cards in the N.Y. metropolitan area ... On November 2, 1978, Davis became the first man to beat Dwight Braxton, outpointing him over six rounds ... Received his first national exposure on January 8, 1981, when he dropped a 10-round decision rematch to

Braxton ... Davis carried the first four rounds of that fight, but was out of shape and allowed Braxton to come on strong ... In January, 1982, Davis dropped perennial contender Yaqui Lopez twice en route to a 10-round decision which propelled him into the rankings ... Pitched a 10-round shutout over trialhorse Willie "The Bull" Taylor in his next bout, a tuneup for a shot at Michael Spinks' WBA crown ... On September 18, 1982, Davis gave Spinks one of his toughest fights, finally giving in to Spinks' superior punching power in the ninth round ... Re-established his standing in the light heavyweight ranks by stopping fading contender Jerry Martin in the ninth round on the Spinks-Braxton undercard ... In July, Davis was extremely impressive as he thoroughly outboxed toughed Jeff Lampkin over 10 rounds ... As you read this, Davis is only days away from facing Dwight Braxton in a rubber match, to be shown as part of ESPN's "Saturday Night at The Fights" ... Hand speed and confusing style make him a tough match for any 175-pounder ... Overall record: 15-4, four knockouts.

MARVIN JOHNSON

BORN ON APRIL 12, 1954 ... RESIDES IN Indianapolis, Indiana ... Won the 1972 National Golden Gloves light heavyweight championship ... As the U.S.'s middleweight representative in the 1972 Olympics, he won the bronze medal when he was stopped in the semi-finals by Viatchewsiav Lemechev of the Soviet Union ... Turned pro in 1973 ...

Southpaw ... KO'd his first five opponents ... Stopped Tom Bethea in four rounds and took a 15-0 log into a bout for the vacant NABF light heavyweight title against Matthew (Saad Muhammad) Franklin in July 1976 ... In a sensational see-saw battle, Franklin stopped Johnson in the 12th and final round ... Won six of his next seven outings, beating Eddie Davis and Jerry Celestine and dropping an 8-round decision to Lotte Mwale ... Was given a title shot against WBC champ Mate Parlov in December 1978 ... Won the crown via 10th round KO ... Lost the title in his first defense against Matthew Saad Muhammad in April 1979 ... In one of the year's most sensational bouts, was stopped by Saad in the eighth round ... Became the second man (Victor Galindez was the first) to regain the light heavyweight title when he stopped Galindez for the WBA crown in November 1979 ... Four months later, he lost on an 11th round knockout to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad ... Stopped in four rounds by Michael Spinks in March 1981 ... Came back with two wins in 1982, the second of which was a first round kayo of Alvino Manson ... Still a strong knockout puncher ... Hasn't fought in 1983 ... Overall record: 29-5, 23 KOs.

OSVALDO OCASIO

BORN: AUGUST 12, 1955, IN TRUJILLO Alto, Puerto Rico ... Height: 5'11½" ... Reach: 77" ... Knickname: "Jaws"

... One of 22 children ... Had six wins in a brief amateur career ... Turned pro on February 20, 1976 on the Muhammad Ali-Jean Pierre Coopman card in San Juan ... Knocked out Heriberto Lorenzo in three ... Knocked out nine of his first ten opponents ... Scored big decision over Jimmy Young on Janaury 27, 1979, to earn a title shot at Larry Holmes ... Holmes stopped him easily in seven ... After stopping Jack Sterling in one to close out 1979, surprised everyone by battling Michael Dokes to a draw on April 19, 1981 ... In the rematch with Dokes on June 28th, he was floored three times by Dokes in the first round and the fight was stopped ... Ocasio then made the move to campaign as a cruiserweight ... Fought only once in 1981 and was stopped in six by John L. Gardner ... Still, the WBA saw fit to pair him with Robbie Williams for the vacant cruiserweight title and Ocasio won a 15-round decision on February 13, 1982 ... Defended only one more time in 1982 and decisioned Young Joe Louis on December 15 ... Only fight in 1983 was on June 20th when he decisioned Randy Stephens over 15 boring rounds ... Overall record:19-3-1, 10 knockouts.

WILLIE EDWARDS

KNICKNAME: "SANDMAN" ... HEIGHT 5'10" ... Resides in Detroit, Michigan ... Turned pro in 1981 after a short amateur career ... After winning a four-round decision in his pro debut against Ralph Thomas in June, knocked out nine consecutive opponents in the next six months ... Four of the stoppages were in the first round, two more in the second ... Took a 10-0 record into a January 1982 fight against veteran Jesse Burnett ... Forced to go the 10-round distance for the first time, Edwards won by decision ... Took on comebacking veteran Len Hutchins one month later ... Stopped Hutchins in round three ... On June 11, faced hard-hitting Jeff Lampkin, who came into the fight 16-0 with 16 knockouts, in a ten-rounder ... Both men displayed hard chins, taking each others bombs and going the distance ... Edwards won the decision ... His reward was a bout against Dale Grant for the NABF light heavyweight title on August 14th ... Edwards won the crown by halting Grant in round 10 ... Did not fight again until December 3 when he defended against Pete McIntyre on the Hearns-Benitez card ... Dropped once and suffering a severe cut above his left eye, Edwards was stopped in the fifth ... In a 1983 rematch against McIntyre, Edwards won on a late-round TKO to regain the NABF title ... Overall record: 15-1, 11 knockouts.

S.T. GORDON

BORN: APRIL 18, 1959 ... HEIGHT: 6' ... Trained by his father, Chuck Harris ... Harris was a welterweight before World War II but after the war never showed the same promise as before ... One of 13 children, he was given the name S.T. because "my momma told me there were so many children they just ran out of names" ... Gordon has never had an amateur fight, but in his first fight in 1975 against highly regarded light heavyweight Alvaro Lopez he lost a close 5-round decision. In the early stages of his career, suffered the dilemma that plagues so called natural cruiserweights—which division to fight in ... Low point of his career: disqualified in a fight against Gerry Cooney for not fighting ... Won all four 1980 bouts by knockout, including third round stoppage of Ivy Brown on August 6th to win vacant NABF cruiserweight title ... Biggest win came on July 24, 1981, when he stopped veteran Yacqui Lopez in seven ... Waited almost a year for his WBC cruiserweight title shot against Carlos DeLeon ... Never stopped training during that time ... In the second round of their fight held on June 27 in Highland Heights, Ohio, Gordon trapped the champion in the corner of the ring and unleashed 20 unanswered punches to the head of DeLeon to become champion ... Did not defend his title until February 17th of this year and won an uninspired 8th round TKO over aging Jesse Burnett ... In late May, he moved up to the heavyweight ranks against contender Trevor Berbick and scored a 10-round upset decision ... On July 17th, he fought DeLeon in a rematch and lost the title on a 12-round decision ... Overall record: 24-6, 21 knockouts.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER

BORN IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ON MAY 23, 1954 ... Moved to Brockton, Massachusetts, when he was 17 ... Height: 5' 9½" ... Won the National AAU middleweight championship in 1973 ... Managed by the brother team of Pat and Goody Petronelli ... A

natural right-hander who was taught to box as a southpaw ... One of the very few fighters who can successfully switch stances during a fight ... Won his first major fight in August, 1974, outpointing Ray Seales over 10 rounds ... Took a 33-0-1 record into a January, 1976 fight against Bobby Watts in Philadelphia ... Watts won a hometown decision ... Two months later, he traveled to Philadelphia again, this time to fight Willie Monroe ... Again Hagler lost a disputed 10-round decision ... It was the last time he lost ... In 32 subsequent fights, he has won 31 and fought to one draw (vs. Vito Antuofermo) ... Of the 31 victories, 28 were by knockout, including two stoppages of Willie Monroe and a quick, dramatic knockout of Bobby Watts on national television ... After failing to take the title from Antuofermo in November, 1979, with a 15-round draw, Hagler

became world champion by halting Alan Minter in the third round, September 27, 1980 ... Has defended successfully seven times, stopping all challengers ... On January 17, 1981, Fulgencio Obelmejias was stopped in the eighth round ... On June 13, 1981, Antuofermo was halted on cuts in round five ... Mustafa Hamsho was also butchered by Hagler, ripped apart and stopped in the 11th round on October 3, 1981 ... Caveman Lee fell in a divisional record 67 seconds on February 7, 1982 ... Had a potential multi-million payday against Thomas Hearns fall through in May, 1982, when Hearns had to pull out with an injured finger ... Then had a July 15, 1982 defense against Obelmejias postponed when Hagler suffered a rib injury ... The Obelmejias rematch took place on October 30, with Hagler winning on a fifth-round TKO ... In 1983 action, Hagler has made two easy defenses, stopping Tony Sibson and Wilford Scypion ... Now in heavy training for a November 10th title defense against WBA junior middleweight king Roberto Duran, a fight which is expected to earn Hagler between $8-10 million ... Overall record: 57-2-2, 48 knockouts.

MUSTAFA HAMSHO

BORN OCTOBER 10, 1953, IN SYRIA ... Height: 5' 9" ... Managed by Al Certo, who succeeded Paddy Flood, who died in March, 1983 ... Formerly fought under the names "Mike Estafire", "Mike Hamsho" and "Rocky Estafire" ... Southpaw ... Continually makes the most from what little boxing ability he

has ... Not extremely fast ... Throws many roundhouse punches ... Not a defensive wizard ... Prone to cuts ... Not a paralyzing puncher ... However, few fighters have as much drive, determination and heart ... Will maul and tire his opponent out ... Extremely strong ... Solid chin ... Busy ... Hamsho's first loss came on decision in his pro debut, against light heavyweight Pat Cuillo in August, 1975 ... Beat Wilford Scypion, Curtis Parker and former middleweight king Alan Minter within the span of one year to earn a shot at Marvelous Marvin Hagler's middleweight crown on October 3, 1981 ... Displayed toughness far beyond the call of duty as Hagler ripped open cuts around both of Hamsho's eyes before pounding him to defeat in the 11th round ... The cuts required nearly 50 stitches ... Returned to action on March 13, 1983, outpointing Curtis Parker over 10 rounds on NBC-TV ... On May 22, stopped Gil Rosario, his former sparring partner, in the third round ... He had decisioned Rosario over six rounds six years earlier ... On November 20, 1982, decisioned previously unbeaten Bobby Czyz on NBC ... Has fought twice in 1983, halting his old friend Gil Rosario, then beating Wilfred Benitez on points in a one-sided 12-rounder ... Hamsho used his strength to wear out Benitez and his aggressiveness to stay close to the former junior welterweight, welterweight and junior middleweight king, rarely allowing him to get off with combinations ... The victory put Hamsho back at the top of the middleweight division ... Overall record: 37-2-2, 22 knockouts.

TONY SIBSON

BORN: APRIL 9, 1958 IN LEICESTER, England ... Height: 5'8" ... Managed by Mickey Duff ... Celebrated his 18th birthday by knocking out Charlie Richardson in his professional debut in 1976 ... Finished the year 9-0 ... Was 17-0 when Pat Thomas held him to an eight-round draw on October 18, 1977 ... First defeat came on May 23, 1978 when world-class light heavyweight Lotte Mwale stopped him in one round ... Four fights later, dropped an eight-round decision to Eddie Smith ... On November 6, 1979, challenged Kevin Finnegan for the British middleweight title and was outpointed over 15 rounds ... Won the vacant British Commonwealth title on March 4, 1980 with a 15-round decision over Chisanda Mutti ... Won the European middleweight title on December 8, 1980 with a seventh round knockout over Matteo Salvemini ... Won all five fights in 1981 including a third round kayo over rival countryman and former champ Alan Minter ... Biggest win came on February 21, 1982 in a nationally televised 12-round title elimination bout against America's Dwight Davison ... His impressive showing earned him the decision and a crack at middleweight champ Marvelous Marvin Hagler's title ... Fought two more times in 1982 and challenged Hagler on February 11, 1983 in Worcester, Massachusetts ... Sur-

prised everyone by not sparring the last two weeks of the fight ... Was stopped in six rounds but held his own ... Hagler later said that "Sibo" was the toughest opponent he had ever faced ... His powerful left hook, which he never got off in the Hagler fight, makes him one of the top middleweights around ... Overall record: 47-4-1, 27 knockouts.

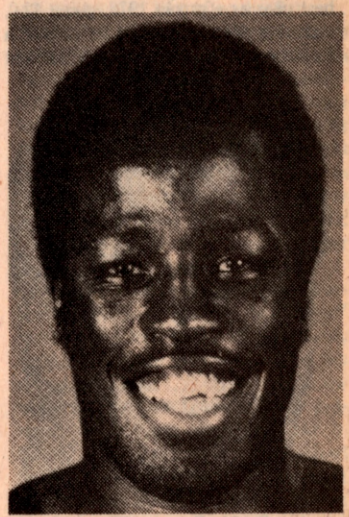
FRANK "THE ANIMAL" FLETCHER

BORN ON MAY 27, 1954 ... HEIGHT: 5' 7" ... Amateur record: 12-2 ... Managed by Marty Feldman ... Trained by the Reverend Alvin Thompson ... Southpaw ... Turned pro in 1976 ... During his first three years as a pro, compiled a lackluster 4-2-1 record ... Earned $900 during that time ... Then, along came the 24-hour cable network, ESPN, and the tournament they were televising ... Fletcher won four consecutive fights, three by knockout, on the way to winning ESPN's middleweight title ... Following the tournament, Fletcher halted hard-hitting Sammy NeSmith in the sixth round in one of 1980's top fights ... Had a big year in 1981, winning four fights, three of them by knockout ... Among his victims were Norberto Sabater and Ernie Singletary ... Fletcher suffered severe eye cuts in his eighth-round stoppage of Singletary on August 31, 1981 ... His next fight took place on February 28, 1982, when he outpointed Tony Braxton over 12 rounds, retaining his USBA middleweight title ... Fletcher suffered a cut right eye in the fight,

a cut which kept him out of action for four months ... On June 20, he again defended his USBA middleweight crown, outpointing Clint Jackson over 12 rounds ... Then, on October 16, was involved in a free-swinging brawl against James Green ... Stopped Green in the fifth round ... The Sabater, Braxton, Jackson and Green fights were shown on NBC-TV ... Also seen on NBC was Fletcher's 12-round loss to Wilford Scypion, on February 13, 1983 ... Resumed his winning ways with an eighth-round stoppage of Curtis Ramsey on July 5 ... The bout was seen on the PRISM cable network ... Will be facing Juan Roldan in November, the winner to meet middleweight king Marvelous Marvin Hagler ... Overall record: 17-3-1, 12 knockouts.

JAMES SHULER

BORN ON MAY 9, 1959 ... HEIGHT: 6' 1" ... Raised in Philadelphia, Pa. ... Graduated from Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin High School ... Was a member of his high school cross country and swimming teams ... While returning from school one day with two of his brothers, Shuler passed by Joe Frazier's gym. Through the large picture window; they saw Joe Frazier working out. Their curiosity led them inside, where they met Frazier ...



Shuler and his brothers, Wesley and Marvin, all began training at Frazier's gym the next day ... Seven months later, Shuler began an amateur career that took him to 165 victories in 175

fights ... He knocked out 102 opponents ... Would have represented the United States in the 1980 Olympics had his country not withdrawn from the Games due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan ... Among his other amateur accomplishments were: A silver medal in the 1979 Pan Am Games; a gold medal in the World Cup in 1979; and a National Golden Gloves middleweight title in 1980 ... Turned professional in New York's Felt Forum on September 12, 1980, on the same card as Marvis Frazier made his debut ... Both Shuler and Frazier registered knockout victories that evening ... Fought twice more at the Felt Forum before the end of the year ... Won all five of his fights in 1981 by knockout ... Added four more knockout victories to his record in 1982 ... Took a 12-0 record into an October 23rd NABF middleweight title bout against Ray Seales ... Shuler won a 12-round decision against Seales ... In his lone 1983 outing, fought the "walkout" bout the night of Michael Spinks' title unification victory against Dwight Braxton, kayoing oft-beat veteran Mao de la Rosa ... Managed by John L. Lewis ... Trained by Nelson Brison and Percy Richardson ... Has a promotional agreement with Butch Lewis Productions ... Because of his height and punching power, few middleweights want to fight him ... Overall record: 14-0, 12 knockouts.

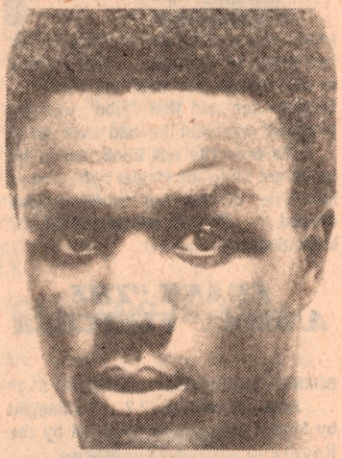
DWIGHT DAVISON

BORN ON MARCH 18, 1955 ... HEIGHT: 6′ 1″ ... Resides in Detroit, Michigan ... His jab is long and hard, but he uses it sparingly ... His right cross is powerful ... However, he fights as if uninspired ... In the ring he's lazy and laid-back ... Fights only as hard as he has to ... Biggest victories are against Willie Monroe, Ray Seales, Curtis Parker and Wilford Scypion, all of whom he decisioned over 10 rounds ... Also owns a first-round stoppage over Murray Sutherland in 1978 ... Turned professional in 1977, winning all six of his fights that year ... Had his best year as a pro in 1978, going 12-0, including nine knockouts ... Took a 29-0 record into an April 11, 1981 fight

against Robbie Epps ... Turned in one of his lackadaisical efforts in losing a 10-round decision to Epps ... Returned to action two months later with a first-round knockout of Angel Castro ... Followed that with an impressive victory against Wilford Scypion on August 8, 1981 ... A powerful right hand dropped Scypion in the opening round, paving the way for Davison's 10-round decision victory ... Fought only twice in 1982 ... On February 21, went to Birmingham, England, to face aggressive Tony Sibson ... Davison never looked lazier or more uninspired, allowing Sibson to dominate the fight and win a 12-round decision ... It was later discovered Davison had fractured his right hand during the fight ... Did not fight again until December 15th, when he halted Steve Williams in the seventh round ... On April 20, 1983, stopped Hector Medina in round two ... In his most recent outing, kayoed Lindell Holmes on the Milton McCrory-Colin Jones undercard ... Overall record: 35-2, 26 knockouts.

CURTIS PARKER

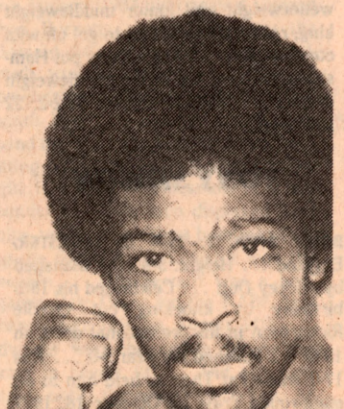
BORN ON MARCH 9, 1959 ... HEIGHT: 5′ 8″ ... Resides with his wife in Philadelphia, Pa. ... Loves to write poetry ... Facially resembles former heavyweight king "Smokin'" Joe Frazier ... Fights a bit like Frazier, as he's always applying tremendous pressure, coming forward in a bob and weave style, always throwing hard volleys of punches ... Amateur record: 56-8 ... Won the National Golden Gloves 156-pound title in 1977 ... Among his amateur victims



was Clint Jackson ... Turned pro on December 6, 1977, stopping Frank Williams in the first round ... Added eight more victories in 1978, and another six the following year ... After beating David Love and Mike Colbert in 1980, took his 17-0 record into a fight on August 8th against 27-0 Dwight Davison ... The fight, seen on NBC-TV, was won by Davison via 10-round decision ... The normally active Parker took the next six months off, then returned on February 15, 1981, against Mustafa Hamsho on NBC ... Hamsho won the decision, which most observers thought belonged to Parker ... On May 3, NBC gave Parker yet another chance at victory, this time against Wilford Scypion ... Scypion never looked better, winning a 10-round unanimous decision ... Finished the year with victories against Lancelot Innis (KO 7) and Jerry Holly (KO 5) ... On March 13, 1982, was rematched against Hamsho on NBC ... In a rough, physical fight with more wrestling, tossing, holding and spinning than hitting, Hamsho was awarded the decision ... Parker had now lost four of his last six fights, and had fallen out of RING's top 10 ... Returned to action in August, pounding veteran Henry Walker into a seventh round TKO ... Three months later, stopped Alexander "Rocky" Shakespeare in round two ... On March 14, 1983, battled Tony Braxton in one of the year's top fights ... Seen on the PRISM cable network, Parker outpunched Braxton over 10 rounds for the decision ... On May 9, again on PRISM, Parker stopped veteran Kenny Bristol, who had never been stopped before ... Has publicly announced that he'd love to fight Frank Fletcher, a battle sure to be nothing less than thrilling from start to finish ... Overall record: 23-4, 19 knockouts.

JAMES (THE HEAT) KINCHEN

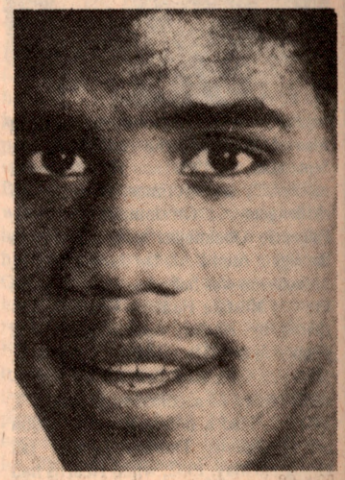
BORN ON MARCH 1, 1958, IN MCKINNEY, Texas ... Height: 5′ 9½″ ... Is a gourmet cook ... Amateur record: 107-10, 75 knockouts ... Won a National PAL title as a light heavyweight ... Lost in the National AAU semi-finals three consecutive years (1978-80) ... Began boxing out of jealousy, when he saw a friend's boxing picture in the local newspaper ... Spent the next five years building his impressive amateur record ... Managed by Wes Wambold ... Turned pro in August, 1980, with a first-round knockout ... Took a 2-0 record into 1981 ... Fought 15 times in 1981, winning 14 times ... The lone fight he didn't win was an eight-round draw against elusive Everett Conklin ... One month later kayoed Conklin in a rematch ... Continued building up victories and adding experience with eight fights in 1982 ... His biggest win that year was a 10-round decision against talented Odell Hadley on September 5th, in a fight shown on NBC-TV ... Has won all four of his fights in 1983, the latest victory coming against Kronk's gifted Lindell Holmes ... Always in top condition, the hard-punching Kinchen is ready to fight a fellow top-10 contender today ... The



problem is, few middleweights want anything to do with him ... Is promotionally tied to Don King ... Overall record: 28-0-1, 22 knockouts.

ALEX RAMOS

BORN ON JANUARY 17, 1961 ... HEIGHT: 5′ 10″ ... Won four New York Golden Gloves titles on the way to a 143-9 amateur record ... Included were 92 knockouts ... Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. ... Now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is trained by Janks Morton ... Nicknamed "The Bronx Bomber," derived from the fact Ramos is an avid New York Yankee fan ... Ramos' good looks have already landed him several articles, advertisements and commercials ... Extremely tight defense ... Does better against an opponent who comes right at him ... Runners give him problems, though the 1983 Ramos has learned to handle them with more ease ... Turned pro in November, 1980, halting Steve Arvin in the fifth round ... Won two more fights before the end of the year ... Fought nine times in 1981, winning each fight, four by knockout ... Included in 1981 was a narrow six-round decision over Dan Snyder in March and an impressive, year-ending, 10-round decision against Norberto Sabater in November ... Bad training habits gave Ramos weight problems as 1982 began ... Despite KO victories against Charlie Hecker, Jimmy Baker and Wayne Caplette in the first five months of 1982, Ramos was not looking sharp ... Though Ramos worked his body into shape, he was not mentally dedicating



himself ... Paid a heavy price for his lack of dedication when he ran out of gas in the sixth round against Ted Sanders on August 18th and was stopped in the eighth round ... Was held to a draw four months later by Tony Cerda ... At that moment, it looked over for Ramos ... However, he then got "hungry," and devoted himself solely to boxing ... Has beaten Mark Frazie, J.B. Williamson and James Waire so far in 1983 ... Will soon be facing Murray Sutherland, then perhaps Mustafa Hamsho ... A candidate for "Comeback of the Year" ... Overall record: 18-1-1, 11 knockouts.

BOBBY CZYZ

BORN: FEBRUARY 10, 1962 ... RESIDES IN Wanaque, N.J. ... Height: 5′10″ ... Nicknames: "Chappie" and "The Matinee Idol" ... Began boxing in 1972

at age 10 ... Amateur record: 24-2, 16 knockouts ... Was picked to represent the U.S. team in Warsaw, Poland, in March 1980 ... However, a car accident left Czyz with an injury to his nose,

making him ineligible for the trip ... The injury was a blessing in disguise as the plane carrying the U.S. team crashed outside of Warsaw, killing all 22 members of the team ... Graduated with honors from Lakeland High School in Wanaque in 1980 ... Appeared in the August 1980 edition of RING's "New Faces" ... He was 3-0 at the time ... Went 9-0 in 1980, including seven knockouts ... Won seven more fights in 1981, five by knockout ... Most of those 16 bouts were shown on ESPN ... Included in his 1981 record were victories against former world jr. middleweight champs Oscar Albarado and Elisha Obed ... In January 1982, decisioned Robbie Sims on NBC over 10 rounds ... Fought again on NBC four months later, halting Bob Coolidge in round four ... Went to 19-0 with a second-round knockout of Manuel Melon in July, then to 20-0 with another second-round kayo, this one against Chris Linson in September ... Both bouts were on ESPN ... On November 20th, Czyz suffered a broken right hand early in an NBC-televised 10-round bout against top rated Mustafa Hamsho ... Czyz fought in a shell the first seven rounds ... By the time he "awoke," it was too little, too late ... Hamsho won the decision ... Surgery was performed on the hand ... His comeback was delayed when his father, Robert Sr., took his own life in June and Czyz will now dedicate the rest of his career to him ... Was scheduled to fight at press time ... Overall record: 20-1, 15 knockouts.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

THOMAS HEARNS

BORN ON OCTOBER 18, 1958 ... HEIGHT: 6'1" ... Resides just outside of Detroit, Michigan ... Nicknames: "The Motor City Cobra" and "The Hit Man" ... Amateur record: 155-8, with only 12 knockouts ... Turned pro in 1977 ... Was taught leverage by Emanuel Steward, his manager/trainer ... The result has been one of the highest knockout percentages in the history of the welterweight division ... Kayoed his first 17 opponents, the best start of any welterweight champion ... Won the WBA welterweight title with a destructive second-round kayo of Pipino Cuevas ... Successfully defended his title three times in 10 months ... Was voted by THE RING as 1980's "Fighter of the Year" ... Fought Sugar Ray Leonard for the undisputed 147-pound title on September 16, 1981, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas ... Going into the 14th round, Hearns was ahead on all three official scorecards ... Leonard hurt Hearns midway through the 14th round with a right, then battered him in a neutral corner, prompting referee Davey Pearl to stop the fight ... Moved up to the middleweight division in his next bout, outpointing Ernie Singletary over 10 rounds on December 11, 1981 ... On February 27, 1982, stopped veteran Marcos Geraldo with a phantom punch Marvin Hagler for the 160-pound title in May, 1982, but an injured finger shelved the bout ...

Returned to action with an eighth-round kayo of previously unbeaten Jeff McCracken on July 25 ... Hearns then dropped down to the junior middleweight limit to challenge WBC champion Wilfred Benitez on December 3rd in New Orleans ... Hearns won a unanimous 15-round decision in a lackluster fight to win his second title ... In his only 1983 outing, fought as a middleweight again and outpointed former light heavyweight contender Murray Sutherland over 10 rounds in July ... Was originally scheduled to defend his title that day against James "Hardrock" Green, but when Green suffered a broken rib in training, Hearns was matched against Sutherland in a non-title bout ... Is expected to challenge Hagler in 1984, though Steward says they would first like to defend the WBC junior middleweight title a few times ... As we went to press, Hearns was about to put his title on the line against "Hardrock" Green, in the semi-windup to Aaron Pryor-Alexis Arguello ... Hearns' ultimate goal is to win the middleweight title, then move up and win the light heavyweight championship ... Overall record: 37-1, 32 knockouts.

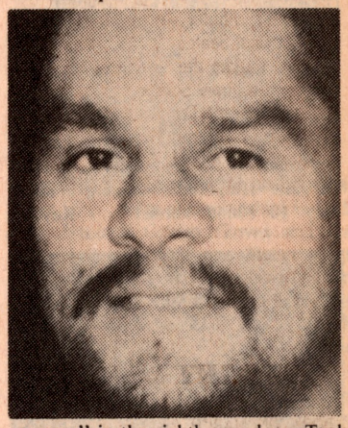
WILFRED BENITEZ

BORN: SEPTEMBER 12, 1958, IN THE Bronx, New York ... Now resides in San Justo, Puerto Rico ... Height: 5'10" ... Was 15 when he made his pro debut in San Juan as a lightweight ... Had just turned 16 when he first appeared in New York's Felt Forum ... Lied to the NY State Athletic Commission and told them he was 18 in order to obtain a license ... Had his best year in 1974, when he was 12-0, with nine

knockouts ... Early error by newsmen had established his name as "Wilfredo." ... Until he fought Sugar Ray Leonard in November 1979, Wilfred had not let it be known that his name was "Wilfred," not Wilfredo ... A talented and gifted boxer who rarely trains more than two weeks for any fight, he is often lazy and boring to watch in the ring because of his counterpunching, non-aggressive style ... Became the youngest champion in history when he beat Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight crown in March 1975 ... Benitez was 17½ at the time ... Became the youngest welterweight champion ever when he decisioned Carlos Palomino in January 1979 ... Made one successful defense before losing to Sugar Ray Leonard on a 15th round TKO on November 30, 1979 ... Won three bouts in 1980 ... Became the youngest junior middleweight champ in history when, at age 22, he kayoed reigning WBC titlist Maurice Hope in the 12th round ... Fought only twice in 1982, but both were important bouts ... Won a dull 15-round decision over Roberto Duran on January 30th to defend his crown, but was then beaten by Tommy Hearns in a similarly lackluster 15-round bout on December 3rd ... Has campaigned as a middleweight in 1983, looking unimpressive in both contests ... Wilfred had said that 154 was his "natural weight," and he was apparently right—he can't seem to hack it as a middleweight ... First, in June, he could not keep clubfighter Tony Cerda off him and some thought he was lucky to take the 10-round decision ... About a month later, 160-pound bully Mustafa Hamsho pushed Benitez around the ring for 10 rounds, as Wilfred was content to hang on the ropes in his corner rather than duke it out with Hamsho ... Because of his boxing ability and because he has not yet absorbed a serious whipping in the ring, Benitez could still be a major force as a junior middleweight if he would learn to train ... Co-managed by Jimmy Jacobs and Bill Cayton, who have Benitez under contract until 1984 ... Trained by his father, Gregorio Benitez ... Overall record: 44-3-1, 26 KOs.

ROBERTO DURAN

BORN ON JUNE 16, 1951, OUTSIDE PANAMA City, Panama ... Height: 5'7" ... Managed by Luis Spada ... From the ghettos of Panama, he came to be recognized as one of the all-time greatest lightweight champions ... Won the title from Ken Buchanan in June 1972 ... Never lost his lightweight crown in over 5 years ... Among his divisional records as lightweight champ are: Most title defenses (12); most consecutive KOs in title defense (10); most knockouts in title defenses (11); and longest reign as champion (5 years, 7 months) ... moved up to become a fine welterweight, although not as devastating as he was at 135 pounds ... Won welterweight victories over Carlos Palomino and Sugar Ray Leonard, from whom he won the WBC Championship on June 20, 1980, in Montreal, Canada ... Lost the title back to Leonard in the famous "No Mas" debacle on November 25, 1980, when Roberto quit because of "stomach



cramps" in the eighth round ... Took two lackluster victories as a Junior Middleweight (over Nino Gonzales and Luigi Minchilllo) into a challenge for the WBC 154-pound title against Wilfred Benitez on January 30, 1982 ... Benitez outboxed a fit Duran over 15 rounds to take the decision ... In his next outing, took a 10-round boxing lesson from relatively unknown Kirkland Laing on September 4, after which, many people were calling for him to retire, including a promoter Don King and Roberto's long-time friend and manager, Carlos Eleta, both of whom deserted him after the fight ... Decisioned journeyman Jimmy Batten in the Pryor-Arguello walk-out bout on November 12, looking fat and over-the-hill ... Came back with his first knockout in almost three years when he battered former WBA Welterweight Champ Pipino Cuevas in 4 rounds in February 1983 ... Became eligible for a chance at Davey Moore's WBA Jr. Middleweight title when top contender Tony Ayala got into legal trouble ... In one of the most savage battles in recent memory, "Manos de Piedra" rediscovered his old fire by thoroughly whipping Moore en route to an 8th round knockout ... Has fought for new manager Luis Spada and new promoter Bob Arum since the loss to Laing, and Arum has now signed Duran to do battle with middleweight champ Marvelous Marvin Hagler in November of this year ... Became the seventh man in history to win three boxing championships by besting Moore, and will be shooting for an un-

precedented fourth crown when he faces Hagler ... Overall record: 76-4, 57 KOs.

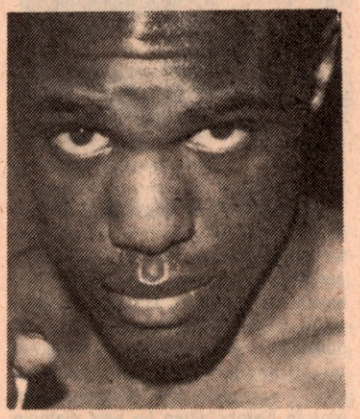
MIKE MCCALLUM

BORN: DECEMBER 7, 1956 ... HEIGHT: 5'11" ... Amateur Record: 240-10 ... A Native of Kingston, Jamaica ... Moved to Canada to live with a relative when he was a teenager ... Represented Jamaica in the 1976 Olympics as a welterweight ... Won two decisions in those Games before dropping a controversial 3-2 verdict to Reinhard Skricek of Germany in the quarter-finals ... Moved from Canada to Nashville, Tennessee, where he fought for Clint Jackson and the sheriff's department for awhile ... Also used to fight for Joe Giannini ... Now managed and trained by Emanuel Steward as a member of the Kronk boxing team in Detroit ... Turned pro in 1981 ... Fought 11 times that year, winning all by knockout ... Ran his string of KO victories to 14 in his first three bouts in 1982 ... Taken the distance for the first time by world class "spoiler" Kevin Perry on the live Holmes-Cooney undercard at Madison Square Garden on June 11th, 1982, winning a fairly easy 10 round verdict ... Kayoed

veteran Carlos Betancourt in his next outing and then chalked up the biggest win of his pro career by stopping former WBA Jr. Middleweight champ Ayub Kalule in seven rounds on November 13 ... Kalule had just survived a similar beating at the hands of champion Davey Moore and many thought Ayub was fading before he faced McCallum ... Mike's thorough whipping of the former champ on national TV enhanced his standing in the division and Kalule retired after the bout ... Has fought only once so far in 1983, outclassing super-tough club fighter "Tough" Tony Suero in three rounds on April 26th ... A perfectly conditioned fighting machine ... Throws every punch in the book effortlessly with power and speed ... A sharpshooter who works the body as well and as often as he works the head ... Has worn out most of his victims ... Defensively, may be the best in the world at 154 pounds ... Now looking for title shot, he may have to wait awhile because his Kronk ties will keep him from battling WBC champion Hearns and WBA champ Roberto Duran is scheduled to fight Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the middleweight title ... Once he gets his chance, McCallum will will be tough to beat in this division ... Overall record: 18-0, 17 KOs.

DAVEY MOORE

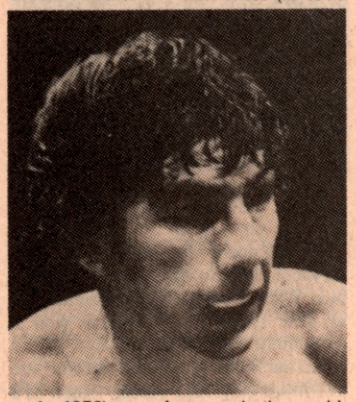
BORN JUNE 9, 1959, IN THE SOUTH BRONX, New York ... Height: 5'10" ... Was an honor student in high school, maintaining grades of 90 or better ... Starred in track, wrestling and karate in school ... In 1974, walked into the Morrisania Youth Center in the Bronx



and immediately fell in love with boxing ... It was there he met the Center's boxing instructor, Leon Washington ... The two are still together today, with Washington in the role of Moore's manager and trainer ... One of only four men ever to win four consecutive New York Gold Gloves titles, doing so from 1976-79 ... Amateur record: 96-6 ... Lost in the 1980 Olympic trials to Donald Curry via decision ... Turned pro on November 1, 1980 (on NBC-TV) as one of "Tomorrow's Champions" ... Won on that day by beating Chu Chu Salcedo on a decision over six rounds ... Won his first three bouts by decision ... Then stopped five men in a row, including Tony Suero (KO 4) and Josef Nsubuga (KO 1) ... Without having ever beaten a world-rated junior middleweight, the 8-0 Moore was placed as the number 10 contender in the November 1981 WBA Junior Middleweight rankings ... The obvious was about to happen ... A few days after being rated, Moore signed to fight WBA Junior Middleweight king Tadashi Mihara ... On Feb. 3, Moore continued his knockout winning ways by lifting the crown from Mihara in the sixth round ... In April 1982, Davey defended against top-rated and favored Charlie Weir on the latter's home turf in Johannesburg, South Africa ... In front of 55,000 partisan fans, Moore dropped the favored Weir six times en route to a fifth round kayo ... On July 17, 1982, Davey made his second successful defense, halting former WBA champ Ayub Kalule in the ninth round of one of 1982's most exciting televised bouts ... Scored his ninth consecutive knockout, (in the fourth round) and third defense against hard-punching Gary Guiden on January 29th of this year ... Was made the favorite to end the career of Roberto Duran once and for all when scheduled challenger Tony Ayala, Jr. got into trouble with the law ... On Duran's 32 birthday (June 16), Davey was stopped in the eighth round of a one-sided contest ... Moore and manager Washington claimed Davey had been thumbed in the first round which obscured the fighter's vision ... It was later revealed that Davey had also undergone major mouth surgery several days before the fight after Moore was punched in the face while training in South Africa by a man wearing brass knuckles ... Even at his best, Moore may not have been a match for Duran that night, who came into the bout in peak physical and mental condition ... Hasn't fought since, but still must be considered in the Junior Middleweight title picture ... The Duran fight really pointed out Davey's weaknesses—namely his lack of defensive skills and quality professional experience ... Overall record: 12-1, 9 KOs.

CARLOS HERRERA

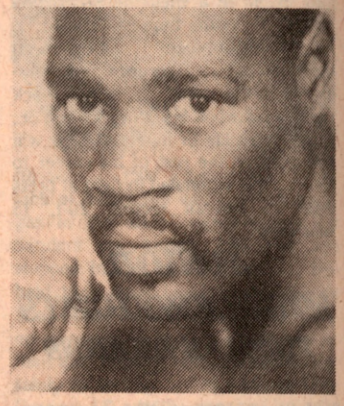
BORN CARLOS MARIA DEL VALLE Herrera on January 13, 1955 ... Amateur record: 56-4 ... Managed by Amilcar Brusa ... Lost pro debut by decision in 1974 ... A tall, lanky boxer-puncher who has been in the top ten of this division for several years ... Excellent stamina ... Lost twice (in 1976



and 1978) to former junior middleweight contender Walter Gomez ... Best year was 1979, when he was 8-0 with 7 knockouts ... Brought 17 straight victories and 11 straight knockouts into a November 25, 1980, title fight against WBC Champ Maurice Hope ... In Britain's "Fight of the Year," Herrera lost a 15-round decision ... Came back in 1981 with six straight victories, including a knockout of Emiliano Villa to win the Continental Junior Middleweight title and a sixth-round stoppage of former conqueror Walter Gomez ... Won two more consecutive kayos in 1982 before being stopped by Jose Santana in the second round in July 1982 ... Avenged that loss in his next outing by stopping Santana in the second round ... After two more KO victories, was rated as the #1 contender for WBA champion Davey Moore's crown ... Signed to take on the #2 contender, Tony Ayala, Jr., on the Dwight Qawi-Eddie Davis undercard, for $75,000 ... He then refused to fight Ayala, who was getting $175,000 for the bout even though Herrera was the #1 contender ... In order to salvage the bout, promoter Dan Duva took $100,000 from Ayala's purse and gave it to Herrera ... Ayala went on to thoroughly whip Herrera in the third round after Carlos had taken a very slight early edge with some excellent counterpunching ... Has not fought since, but remains in the rankings because of his reputation and experience ... Overall record: 47-7-2, 32 KOs.

JAMES GREEN

BORN ON FEBRUARY 15, 1958 ... HEIGHT: 5'10" ... Shortest middleweight/jr. middleweight contender in many years ... Managed by Lou Duva ... Trained by Bill Ryan ... Nicknamed "Hard-rock" ... Best fighting weight is 154 pounds, but has often fought full-sized middleweight because of difficulties getting good bouts against 154 pounders ... Ranked by *The Ring* in the top ten of both weight classifications ... Won 27 of 31 amateur bouts ... Included was a 1980 New Jersey Golden Gloves championship ... Was also a runner-up in the 1980 National AAU tournament ... Resides in Irvington, New Jersey ... Turned pro in November 1980 ... Deceptively fast hands ... Crushing power in both fists ... Knocked out his first opponent in the first round ... On April 22, 1981, in his fifth bout and fighting with a heavy chest cold, Green dropped Robbie Sims in the first round before losing a close decision over 8 rounds ... Owns 1982 10-round decision victories over veterans Teddy Mann, Wilford Scypion and Ernie Singletary ... Was a heavy underdog against Scypion and although many thought the decision should have gone the other way, Green's inside work was the difference ... Last bout in 1982 was a middleweight title eliminator against Frank "the Animal" Fletcher ... Fletcher was also a big favorite against Green that day (October 16), but Hard-rock carried the fight to the #1 contender ... Fletcher had apparently been playing possum for five rounds



and won the bout in the sixth when Green suffered a major eye cut and stopped fighting when the blood started flowing heavily ... Didn't appear to be seriously hurt when referree stopped bout, just had stopped fighting ... Has come back this year with victories over veterans Zeferino Gonzales (KO 7) and Michael Dewar (W 10) ... Was scheduled to face Tommy Hearns for the WBC Junior Middleweight title until he broke a rib in training, causing the

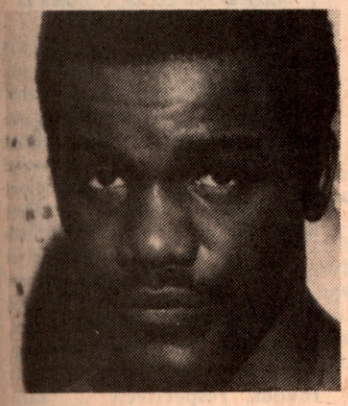
cancellation of the bout ... That championship fight has now been rescheduled for September 9, as the co-feature to Pryor-Arguello II ... Overall record: 17-2, 10 KOs.

JOHN MUGABI

BORN: MARCH 4, 1960 IN UGANDA ... WON over 200 amateur bouts, including a silver medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow ... Took the fight to his Cuban opponent in the final, but lost a close decision ... It was in the Olympics that British promoter/manager discovered Mugabi ... Mugabi signed with Duff, who also manages Ugandans Ayub Kalule and Cornelius Boza-Edwards, shortly after the Games ... Now lives in London ... Trained by George Frances ... Nicknamed "The Beast" ... Turned pro in December 1980 with a first round kayo ... Had his best year so far in 1981 with seven knockout victories in seven fights ... Knocked out two more relatively unknown opponents in 1982 ... Debuted on national TV this year with a first-round stoppage of the experienced and talented Roosevelt Green ... His latest bout was also nationally televised, against hard-punching veteran Gary Guiden in June ... Stopped Guiden with a non-stop attack in the third round ... Nearly stopped Guiden in round one when he had the American reeling and then stopped fighting because he thought the standing eight count rule was in effect, but it wasn't ... Guiden was never in the fight ... A stand-up boxer in the classic British-trained style, with crushing power in both hands ... Duff says the Beast is ready to take on anyone in the junior middleweight division, although he would prefer that Mugabi didn't face WBC Champion Tommy Hearns right now ... Says Hearn's height and experience could make him the only 154-pound fighter in the world with a chance to beat the Beast ... Duff would let Mugabi face anyone else in the division right now, including WBA Champ Roberto Duran ... Stopped Jeffrey Nelson in his last outing in August ... Overall record: 17-0, 17 KOs.

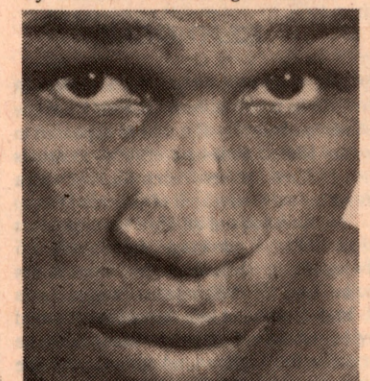
GARY GUIDEN

BORN AUGUST 24, 1955 ... HEIGHT: 5'9" ... Amateur Record: 68-14 ... Managed by Chris McIntosh ... Turned pro in April 1975 ... During the first 12 months of his career, fought 13 times ... Had his best year, statistically, in 1978, when he stopped all seven men he faced ... Won 15 fights in a row between May 1976 and February 1979 ... Made the mistake of fighting as a middleweight in 1979 ... Lost three of his four fights that year ... Dropped back down to junior middleweight in 1980 after a talk with his wife (It's either take this sport seriously or get out," she told him) ... After being stopped in the fifth round by Curtis Parker in November 1979, Guiden knocked out or stopped 10 straight opponents on his way to a January 1983 showdown with WBA Jr. Middleweight champion Davey Moore ... Among those 10 victories was a 4th round stoppage of Odell Leonard to win the USB 154-pound title, which Gary officially defended three times ... Was stopped in the fourth round by Moore after taking the fight to the champion in the early going ... Came back from the KO loss to Moore with a third round stoppage of soft touch Danny Miller ... Then, in an effort to regain some standing in this suddenly tough division, took on the undefeated "Beast" John Mugabi in June ... Was stopped in the third round of a thoroughly one-sided bout on national television ... Needs a big win now to keep his name among the top contenders in this division ... Overall record: 39-7, 35 KOs.



EARL HARGROVE

BORN ON MAY 21, 1956, IN PHILADELPHIA ... Rough beginnings and tough neighborhood led to a problemed adolescence and a stretch behind bars ... It was in jail that Hargrove decided "If I'm ever going to hit anybody again, I'm going to get paid for it!" ... Had a quick amateur apprenticeship, winning seven of eight fights ... Managed by Gary Hegyi ... Met Hegyi through an introduction from junior middleweight contender Buster Drayton ... Trained by former middleweight contender George Benton in Philadephia's "Champ's Gym" ... Favorite fighter: Joe Louis ... Hobbies: Swimming and basketball ... Trains for distance, and feels he can go the route despite the fact his bouts last an average of 2.83 rounds ... Has 10 first-round knockouts ... His strong jaw was put to the test last May 22, when Hargrove slugged Indianapolis' Don King in the ninth-round TKO ... Hargrove was cut around both eyes in the fight, one of 1983's best, which was seen on NBC ... Turned pro on November 29, 1979, halting John Saxton in round two ... Kayoed his next five opponents in round one ... After a first-round knockout of Ibrahim Qaadir in February, 1981, Hargrove's record stood at 12-0 ... He had knocked out eight of his last 11 opponents in the opening round ... By the end of 1982, that record had been inflated to 20-0, all by knockout ... Led off 1983 with a second-round stoppage of former contender Greg Stephens ... Then came Hargrove's first real test in May against Don King ... In his last outing, shown on the PRISM cable network on August 17, Hargrove stopped Daryl Penn in round two ... Later, Penn, a veteran of over 50 fights, said nobody ever hit him as hard as Hargrove ... Certainly one of boxing's most brutal one-punch knockout hitters ... Overall record: 23-0, 23 knockouts.



WELTERWEIGHTS

MILTON MC CRORY

BORN: FEBRUARY 7, 1962 ... HEIGHT: 6' 1" ... Amateur Record: 105-15, 30 knockouts ... Managed by Emanuel Steward ... Nickname: "Iceman" ... Once the chief sparring partner for Thomas Hearns ... Now ranks with the "Hitman" as the No. 1 Kronk attraction ... Sets up potent right with a low-held left, a la Hearns ... Steward has said that McCrory hits harder than Hearns ... Turned pro in 1980 ... Won first 17 fights by knockout, the last being over long-time contender Randy Shields on January 23, 1980 ... Shields had gone 13 rounds with Hearns before being stopped on cuts and had gone a full 10 rounds with Sugar Ray Leonard ... Has not had a knockout since ... After going the distance for the first time with veteran Pete Ranzany, he easily outpointed Roger Stafford on July 10, 1982 in Phoenix, Arizona ... McCrory had Stafford hurt and nearly ready to go in the eighth round when he injured his finishing hand, the right ... McCrory fought well enough one-handed to hold off a 10th round Stafford onslaught for the decision ... Finished 1982 with a win over Victor Abraham ... First fight in 1983 was a 12-round draw with Englishman Colin Jones for the vacant WBC welterweight title on Mar. 19 in Reno, Nevada ... Built up early lead with crisp jabs but it was Jones who came on at the end and pressured McCrory the second half of the fight ... Many felt if the fight was 15 rounds, Jones would have won ... On August 13, faced Jones in a rematch in Las Vegas ... decked Jones in the first but was hurt bad in the seventh ... Came on strong in the 12th to get the decision and the title ... Overall record: 21-0-1, 17 knockouts.

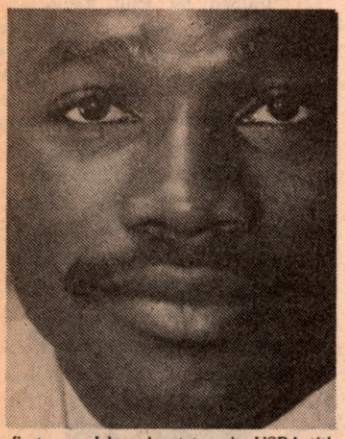
DONALD CURRY

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1961 ... HEIGHT: 5' 10½" ... Managed by David Gorman ... Trained by Paul Reyes ... Nickname: "The Cobra" ... Began boxing at the age of eight ... Won more than 400 fights as an amateur ... Lost only four ... Last loss was as an amateur to Ronnie Shields when Curry was 16 ... Won championships in both the National Golden Gloves and the World Cup in 1980 ... Beat former WBA junior middleweight champion Davey Moore in the 1980 Olympic Trials ... Donald's brother Bruce and half-brother Graylin are also active fighters ... Bruce is the WBA junior welterweight champion, the first time that brothers have held world titles at the same time ... Graylin is a junior middleweight ... Turned pro on December 26, 1980, stopping Marty Tenio in the first round in Las Vegas ... Won first nine fights by knockout before going the distance with Curtis Ramsey ... Knocked out veteran Bruce Finch in four rounds on May 4, 1982, to win the NABF title ... Three fights later, personal problems hampered his training and was nine pounds overweight three days before his battle with Marlon Starling ... The winner of that fight was to get a crack at Sugar Ray Leonard's vacant crown ... Won split 12-round decision over Starling to also capture the USBA title ... Returned to his hometown in Fort Worth, Texas, and won the vacant WBA title with a 15-round decision over Jun Sok Hwang on February 13, 1983 ... Was floored for the first time as a pro in the seventh round but fought back so hard that he almost won the round ... Has had problems with his right hand ... Is scheduled to defend against Roger Stafford in September ... Overall record: 16-0, 11 knockouts

MARLON STARLING

BORN: AUGUST 29, 1958 ... HEIGHT: 5' 8½" ... Resides in Hartford, Conn. ... Amateur record: 97-13 ... Nicknames: "Moochie" and the "Magic Man" ... Turned pro in 1979 ... A group of 30 businessmen put up $2,000 each to get Marlon's career started, surpassing the front money for both Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard ... Was 19-0 with 12 KO's through 1981 ... Marlon's roughest 1981 test was actually a spar-

ring session with Thomas Hearns, who was preparing for the "Showdown" with Leonard ... Hearns broke Starling's jaw, although Moochie's manager F. Mac Buckley says his fighter had the better of the encounter ... The injury forced a five-month layoff, and Marlon looked rusty in his January 1982 decision over veteran Danny (Mad Dog) Paul over 10 rounds ... Stunned Kevin Morgan with



first round knockout to win USBA title on July 17, 1982 ... Lost his first fight in 26 bouts on a 12-round split decision to current WBA champ Don Curry three months later ... Early hot dogging and lack of pressure cost him the fight ... Has rebounded well in 1983 when he destroyed upcoming Jose Baret in four rounds on national TV ... Decisioned Kevin Howard over 12 rounds to win vacant USBA and NABF titles ... Came into fight with an injured left hand and finished with a damaged right and a deep cut over his left eye ... In his last outing, on July 24, decisioned Tommy Ayers over 12 rounds to retain both titles ... An excellent puncher with either hand, his specialty is combining vicious left hooks with potent right uppercuts ... Wants rematch with Curry ... Overall record: 29-1, 18 knockouts.

NINO LA ROCCA

BORN: APRIL 5, 1949 IN MALI, AFRICA ... Real name is Tidjani Sidibe ... Now lives in Genoa and is expecting his application for Italian citizenship to be granted soon ... His mother was a native of Sicily ... One of boxing's biggest mysteries ... Everyone's seen him and know of him but no one knows anything about him ... Made pro debut on September 14, 1978 and knocked out Jean Paul Coppyn in Paris in one round ... Won first six fights by knockout before going the full eight rounds with Sinclair Christie ... At one point during 1980-1981, had 17 knockouts in a row ... Made his American debut on June 4, 1981 in Madison Square Garden and scored an eight-round decision over Pete Seward ... Did not display excess showboating and hotdoggin that is now his custom ... Is extremely active, fighting nine times in 1982 ... Has won all five of his 1983 fights that includes two national TV'ers ... On April 10th, he completely dominated American Bobby Joe Young in stopping him in eight rounds ... But his showboating leaves little to be desired ... In his other TV fight, he outclassed veteran Pete Ranzany over 10 rounds but many considered his taunting tactics cruel ... Will bring his powerful right hand to Madison Square Garden on September 15th as part of the undercard for Mancini/Romero ... Is expected to face the winner of the Don Curry/Roger Stafford title bout ... Overall record: 51-0, 39 knockouts.

ROGER STAFFORD

BORN ON JANUARY 15, 1954 ... LIVES IN Philadelphia ... Turned pro in 1977 ... Lost twice on decision early in his career—to Al Fletcher (1978) and Bernard Patterson (1980) ... Has since become one of the top welterweights in the world ... Defeated Kenny Croom (for the first ESPN welterweight tournament title), world rated Kevin Howard twice and former WBA champ Pipino Cuevas in one of 1981's biggest upsets on November 7th ... Knocked Cuevas down early and beat him to the punch throughout to capture a unanimous decision which earned him a shot at Sugar Ray Leonard's crown ... His May 1982 title shot went down the tubes when Ray underwent surgery for a detached retina and later retired ... Then faced top-

rated Milton McCrory and looked lackluster throughout the fight, dropping a 10-round decision on July 10th ... Roger was kept at bay throughout by McCrory's four-inch edge in height and 2½" reach advantage ... Has won three straight since but looked unimpressive in his last outing against Darryl Fuller ... Owns one of the best jabs in the division, a solid chin, and fine ring generalship ... Will face WBA champ Don Curry in September ... Overall record: 23-3-1, 8 knockouts.

COLIN JONES

BORN: MARCH 21, 1959, IN GORSINON, England ... Managed and trained by Eddie Thomas ... Represented England in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal ... Lost decision in the third round of competition to eventual bronze medalist Victor Zilberman ... Was a grave digger before joining Thomas ... Turned pro on October 3, 1977 ... Fought twice that year, winning both by knockout ... Made it five straight KO's and upped his record to 12-0 when he halted all four of his 1979 opponents ... Went to 17-0 and 10 consecutive KO's by stopping all five opponents in 1980 ... Included was a ninth-round knockout of Kirkland Laing on April 1st for the British Welterweight title ... Stopped Mark Harris in nine to win the vacant Commonwealth title on Mar. 3, 1981 ... After knocking out Laing again, took his 20-0 record and 13 consecutive knockouts into a September 3, 1981 bout against durable American Curtis Ramsey, who recently had gone the distance with Tony Ayala, Jr. ... Jones lost on a third round disqualification ... Returned by knocking out Americans Pete Seward and Gary Giron ... Appendicitis kept him out of action for 10 months and returned on

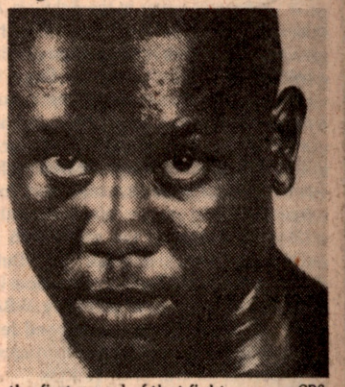
September 14th, 1982 to knock out Sakaria Ve in two ... Two months later, stopped Hans Henrik Palm in two to win European title ... Was 5-1 underdog against Milton McCrory for the vacant WBC title on March 19, 1983 in Reno, Nevada ... Slow starting style hurt him in the 12-round fight that was ruled a draw ... Began finding the mark with his left hook midway through the fight and pressured McCrory the final six rounds ... Many felt he would have won had the bout gone 15 rounds ... In their rematch on August 13th, in Las Vegas, McCrory decked Jones in the first and survived a furious seventh to get the decision and title ... Jones had McCrory out on his feet in the seventh but couldn't put him away ... Overall record: 24-2-1, 21 knockouts.

ELIO DIAZ

LIKE MAURICIO BRAVO, HE IS ANOTHER "who's who" nobody seems to know much about ... But he has appeared in the United States on several occasions ... Turned pro on March 16, 1981 with a sixth round knockout of Orlando Orozco ... Knocked out all 12 of his opponents in 1981 ... Average fight lasted 3.5 rounds ... Debuted in the United States on April 10, 1982, against Preston Jones and disposed of him in less than a round ... On June 12, again in Atlantic City, he went the eight round distance for the first and only time in his career against Fernando Fernandez ... Fought 13 times in 1982 and closed out the year with a second round tko of Mao De Le Rosa ... De La Rosa was doing well but was forced to quit from a torn ligament in his leg ... Continued his new KO streak into 1983 with a fourth round knockout of Pedro Cisneros ... Most impressive win came on March 18th on the undercard of the Spinks/Braxton fight in Atlantic City ... Showed good movement in his fifth round knockout of fading Bruce Finch ... Obviously the punch is there but his lack of hand speed will handicap him against the faster American contenders ... Rated No. 1 in the Latin American ratings ... Overall record: 27-0, 26 knockouts.

KEVIN HOWARD

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1960 ... HEIGHT: 5' 9½" ... Resides in Philadelphia ... Nicknamed "The Spoiler" ... Managed by Frank Ward and Mark Stewart ... Trained by Ward ... Had only nine amateur fights, of which he won six, all by knockout ... Enjoys playing and watching football ... Is also a tremendous fight fan ... Can be seen at many of the fight cards in the Philadelphia/Trenton/Atlantic City area ... Was 18 when he debuted as a pro in Allentown, Pa. ... Won first five fights before being held to an eight-round draw against Johnny Cooper ... Won his next five fights in 1980 ... An eight month layoff cost him as he lost his first fight, a close 10-round decision to Roger Stafford ... In a rematch the following month, lost again over 10 rounds ... Floored Stafford in the final round of the rematch ... Among his five victories in 1982 was a 10-round split-decision over Bobby Joe Young in a fight that saw both figures quite banged up, and a 10th round stoppage of Johnny Cooper, avenging their draw in October, 1979 ... Was outpointed over 12 rounds on April 23, 1983, by Marlon Starling in a battle for the vacant USBA and NABF welterweight titles ... Howard was decked in



the first round of that fight, seen on CBS-TV ... Not especially fast on his feet, though his hands are quick ... In addition to the Starling fight, Howard's two other 1983 efforts are victories against welterweight Jose Luis Vallejo and junior middleweight Richard Nixon ... Overall record: 19-3-1, 11 knockouts.

MAURICIO BRAVO

A REAL "WHO'S WHO" ... NOT EVEN DON Majeski, matchmaker for Butch Lewis, who promotes Bravo, has any information on him ... Born, raised and currently resides in Venezuela ... Turned pro on November 9, 1979 and knocked out Memo Rall in five ... Has done most of his fighting in Caracas ... An action fighter who can punch with both hands ... His chin is suspect, as he has not yet been in with any bona fide contender who has extended him ... Struggled against Larry Peterson and Eric Bonilla, two American club fighters, before stopping them in the seventh and sixth rounds, respectively ... Early

knockouts over Koreans San-Mo Koo and Nak-Yung Hoi in 1981 did nothing to prove his worth as a contender ... Neither Korean can be found among the top-10 in the Korean ratings or among the top-10 in the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation Ratings ... Ventured into the United States on August 7th in Albany and decisioned Chuck Peralta ... Battled Pablo Baez in Atlantic City on national TV and took a beating ... Was pummeled with body shots but was given a split-decision nod in one of 1982's worst decisions of the year ... Has scored two first round knockouts in 1983 over punching bags Homer Jackson and Mao de la Rosa ... Is rated No. 2 in the Latin American ratings ... Looked to be in line of succession for a title shot before WBC dropped him from three to five behind Nino La Roca and Marlon Starling ... Overall record: 25-0-1, 1 ND., 16 knockouts.

BOBBY JOE YOUNG

BORN: MARCH 4, 1959 ... RESIDES IN Steubenville, Ohio ... Height: 5′ 8″ ... Managed by Carmen Castellano ... Trained by Harold Weston, Sr. ... In high school, played football, baseball, basketball, tennis and ran track ... When not training for a fight, plays tennis up to three times a week ... Took an interest in boxing, when, as a teenager, he engaged in "Slap Fights" ... Lost his first fight on decision ... Dropped two close decisions as an amateur to Thomas Hearns ... Turned pro in August, 1980 ... Lost a highly disputed four-round decision to Pedro Vilella in New York ... The decision nearly caused a riot, despite the fact Young was the visiting fighter and Vilella the hometown hero ... Knocked out his next nine opponents before brave Michael Herron took a pounding for eight rounds ... Lost close 10-round decision to Kevin Howard on NBC-TV ... Eye was completely shut from early thumb but Young hung in with "The Spoiler" ... Won his last four fights in 1982 ... In his first fight in 1983, had to get off the deck to decision Jose Luis Vallejo in what was to be a tuneup for his fight with unbeaten

sensation Nino La Rocca ... Could not put anything together against La Rocca and was stopped in the eighth round ... Returned against unbeaten Darrell Chambers (16-0) and was slightly behind entering the ninth round ... Young's right, one of the strongest in the division, floored Chambers and the bout was stopped shortly after ... Overall record: 20-3, 17 knockouts.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

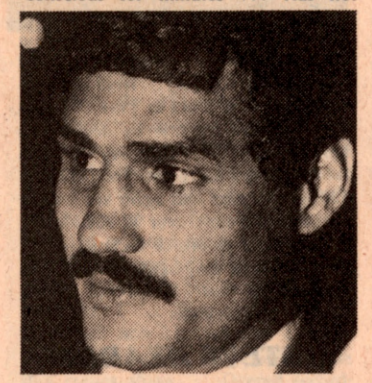
AARON PRYOR

BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, OCTOBER 20, 1955 ... Height: 5′ 6½″ ... Amateur record: 204-16 ... After his goal of

making the 1976 U.S. Olympic team fell short with dual losses to Howard Davis, Jr., Pryor turned pro on November 12, 1976 ... Halted Larry Smith in two rounds ... Stopped his next four foes before iron-chinned Jose Resto lasted the eight round distance ... Two fights later, another Human punching bag—Johnny Summerhays—took a leather shampoo for eight rounds, refusing to fall ... He was the last man to go the distance with Pryor ... Since then, Pryor has knocked out 25 straight opponents ... Won the title on August 2, 1980 from Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes ... Down in the first, Pryor stormed back to stop Cervantes in the fourth round ... Has since made seven successful defenses and had one non-title fight (KO 3, Danny Myers) ... Has highest knockout percentage among active champions (.939) ... Nickname: "The Hawk" ... Scored biggest win of his career on November 12, 1982, in the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla., with a brutal 14th round knockout of three-time champion Alexis Arguello ... Victory has been tarnished by accusations that his trainer, Panama Lewis, who has since been banned from boxing because of a glove tampering incident, was overheard on TV between rounds asking for a specially mixed bottle ... Many say he has been living life in too fast a lane ... His legal problems with estranged manager Buddy LaRosa, almost forced the cancellation of his only defense of 1983 against Sang-Hyun Kim ... Pryor needed tranquilizers a week before the fight but wiped the ring with Kim until it was mercifully stopped in the 3rd ... Signed exclusive promotional contract with Sylvester Stallone and is now trained by Richie Giachetti ... Rematch with Arguello is set for Sept. 9 in Las Vegas ... Could be best pound-for-pound fighter today ... Overall record: 33-0, 31 knockouts.

ALEXIS ARGUELLO

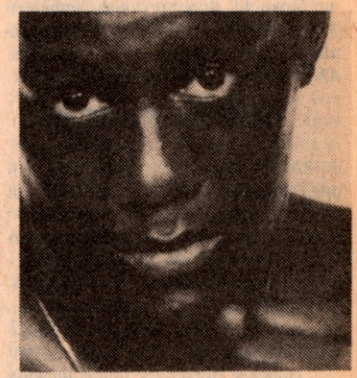
BORN IN MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, ON APRIL 19, 1952 ... Height: 5′ 10″ ... Now lives in Kings Bay, Fla ... Began his career in 1968 ... Lost fourth fight on a six-round decision ... Won his next 20 fights before being stopped on a cut against Jorge Reyes in 1972 ... A 12-bout unbeaten streak then put the 21-year old Arguello in with WBA featherweight king Ernesto Marcel, who decisioned the challenger ... Arguello was not to lose again until he was outboxed over 10 rounds by Vilomar Fernandez four years and 26 fights later ... In that time he won the WBA featherweight title by halting Ruben Olivares in the 13th round, November 23, 1974 ... Retained his featherweight title four times before giving it up due to a weight problem in 1977 ... Won the WBC junior lightweight crown on January 28, 1978 from Alfredo Escalera on a sensational 13th round knockout ... Defended that title eight times stopping, among others, Escalera again, Rafael Limon, Bobby Chacon, Ruben Castillo, Rolando Navarette and Cornelius Boza-Edwards in a non-title bout ... Became lightweight champion with a one-sided decision against Jim Watt on June 20, 1981 ... Became a big TV attraction after his knockout of Ray Mancini on October 3, 1981 ... Defended twice more in 1982 before moving up to junior welterweight class with a second-round knockout of Kevin Rooney ... His attempt at winning an unprecedented crown ended in horror on November 12, 1982 in the Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla., as Aaron Pryor pounded him into submission in the 14th round that left Arguello unconscious for minutes ... Has not



looked sharp in his two 1983 appearances ... Avenged loss to Fernandez with a 10-round decision and stopped former WBA lightweight champ Claude Noel in three. Will get his shot at Pryor again on September 9th in Las Vegas ... Overall record: 78-5, 62 knockouts.

JOHNNY BUMPHUS

BORN: AUGUST 17, 1960 ... HEIGHT: 6′ ¼″ ... Amateur record: 341-16 ... Owns more amateur titles than any fighter in history ... Managed by Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel ... Trained by George Benton ... Nickname: "Bump City" ... Was the light welterweight gold medalist in the 1980 Olympic Trials ... Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee ... Now resides in Trenton, N.J. ... Southpaw ... Turned professional in November 1980, halting Mike Michaud in the first round ... By the end of the year was 3-0 ... Won nine more fights in 1981, including a 12-round decision against Willie Rodriguez for the USBA title ... The victory also gave him recognition as Ring's U.S. junior welterweight champion ... Began 1982 with an impressive second round knockout of Marvin Jenkins ... Jenkins had never been stopped before ... Injured his right thumb in the victory ... Underwent surgery in early April ... Resumed training in mid-June and returned to action July 27 to knock out Ed Lugo in five ... Kicked off 1983



campaign with a seven round tko of veteran Randy Shields ... In his next fight on national TV, Bumphus decked Michael Bradley five times on the way to stopping him in sixth ... Was floored for the first time as a pro in the second round ... Bradley paid the price as vicious body shots did him in ... In his most recent fight on August 16th, he stopped Nani Marrero in eight ... Overall record: 20-0, 15 knockouts.

BRUCE CURRY

BORN IN MARLIN, TEXAS, ON MARCH 26, 1956 ... Resides in Las Vegas, Nevada ... Formerly managed by Jesse Reid, now managed by Bill Baxter ... Began his career in September, 1976 ... Had six fights—winning them all—within three months ... Brought a 9-0 record to Japan and the country fell in love with him ... TV promotion company there had him change his name to Curry Fugi ... Was 14-0 when he faced Wilfred Benitez in Madison Square Garden ... Stunned the boxing world by dropping Benitez twice, nearly knocking him out, only to lose the deci-

sion ... In a rematch three months later, lost another decision to Benitez ... Lost back-to-back fights to Domingo Ayala and Adolfo Viruet in 1978 ... Went up to welterweight to fight Thomas Hearns ... Cut Hearns early in the first round, only to have Hearns knock him out in the third ... Had a big year in 1982 capped off by a 12-round decision over Ronnie Shields

in an elimination bout for the WBC title ... Started of 1983 with a first round knockout over Tyrone Rackley ... On May 18 in Las Vegas, decisioned Leroy Haley over 12 rounds to win the WBC title ... Joined brother Don, the WBA welterweight champion, as the first brothers to hold a world title at the same time ... Less than two months later, returned to his adopted homeland of Japan to stop previously unbeaten Hidekazu Akai in seven ... Is a candidate for Comeback of the Year ... Overall record: 33-7, 17 knockouts.

LEROY HALEY

BORN IN GARLAND, ARKANSAS ON DECEMBER 27, 1954 ... Fourth-born of the nine Haley children ... Height: 5' 6¾" ... As a teenager, moved with his family from Arkansas to Las Vegas ... In high school, played football, basketball and ran track ... Became interested in boxing at age 10, while watching Golden Gloves bouts on TV ... Hobbies: Horseback riding, dancing and coaching youngsters in various sports, especially boxing ... Turned pro in 1973 ... Won all 14 bouts that year ... Won his first 20 fights before dropping an eight-round decision to Roy Holloway on May 14, 1975 ... Two months earlier he had decisioned Holloway ... Won his next 10 fights by decision ... Had his consecutive decision streak snapped when Leonardo Bermudez held him to a 10-round draw on April 6, 1977 ... Four weeks later, decisioned Bermudez over 12 rounds ... Went unbeaten in his next eight fights before Willie Rodriguez stopped him in the 12th round in February 2, 1979 ... Seven wins later, he was rematched with Rodriguez for the NABF title, which Haley won on a 12-round decision ... On June 26, 1982, upset Saoul Mamby in a close 15-round fight to win the WBC title ... Only other fight of 1982 was a 15-round decision over Juan Jose Giminez ... In a rematch with Mamby, on February 13, 1983, again decisioned the former champ, this time over 12 rounds ... Lost the title on a 12-round decision to Bruce Curry on May 18th in Las Vegas ... Overall record: 48-3-2, 15 knockouts.

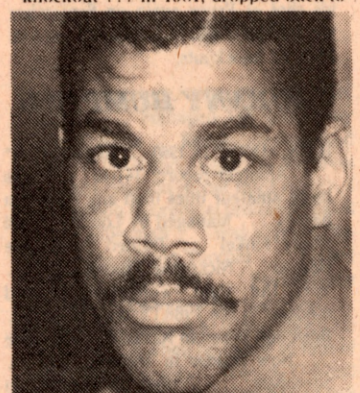
SAOUL MAMBY

BORN ON JUNE 4, 1947 ... HEIGHT: 5' 10" ... Began career in 1969 ... Drew with a young undefeated Edwin Viruet in 1971 ... Dropped two of four fights the next year ... In February, 1976, he main-evented in Madison Square Garden against Harold Weston, Jr., and drew ... In his next fight, Mamby lost a 10-round decision to Roberto Duran ... A month later beat Nani Marrero then five months later, dropped a close decision to Antonio Cervantes in Maracay, Colombia ... In May of 1977 lost a close decision to Marrero in Nani's hometown ... Following that he was given a title shot against Saensak Muangsurin in Thailand ... In front of

80,000 fans, Mamby was robbed of the decision ... Even the local papers agreed that Mamby had won ... Although he was losing, Mamby was looking like a winner ... Six straight victories later, Mamby was in Seoul, Korea, facing WBC title-holder Sang-Hyun Kim ... A powerful fight hand in the 14th round made Mamby the champion ... His first defense was against former WBC lightweight champion Esteban DeJesus ... Mamby knocked him out in 13 rounds ... Went on to defend four more times in 1981 ... June 26, 1982, lost his title by decision to Leroy Haley ... Claiming he was robbed, he got his rematch on February 13th of this year and again lost a close decision, this time over 12 rounds ... An excellent defensive technician ... There's talk he may fight Howard Davis later in the year ... Overall record: 33-14-5, 14 knockouts.

STEVE HEARON

RESIDES IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ... TURNED pro in 1979 against Ronald Ford ... Won both fights that year ... Added nine more victories in 1980, seven by knockout ... In 1981, dropped back-to-



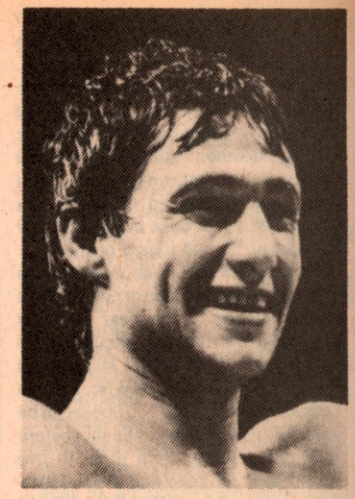
back fights as a welterweight ... Armando Ramirez outpointed him on April 30th ... Milton McCrory halted him in the eighth round on an entertaining fight in Houston on June 26th ... Until the end came, Hearon had been giving McCrory his toughest moments as a pro ... Since the loss to McCrory, Hearon has decided to fight only as a junior welterweight, where he is strongest ... Knocked out Bruce Curry in seven rounds in his first fight after the loss to McCrory ... Curry is currently the WBC champion ... Reeled off seven straight knockouts before going the distance with Lennox Blackmore on June 23, 1982 ... Won all seven of his fights in 1982 ... He has been relatively inactive so far in 1983 ... His only fight was on May 26 when he knocked out Juan Cantres in three ... Better puncher than he is a boxer ... Solid chin ... Unquestionable stamina ... Is rated No. 2 by the WBC and is waiting for a title shot ... Overall record: 24-2, 18 knockouts.

BILLY COSTELLO

BORN: APRIL 10, 1956 ... RESIDES IN Kingston, N.Y. ... Height: 5'8" ... Managed by Mike Jones ... Trained by Victor Valle ... A stablemate of heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney ... Amateur record: 45-7. 40 knockouts ... Star third baseman in high school ... A real fight fanatic ... 1978 New York Golden Gloves champion ... Turned pro on August 22, 1979, winning a four-round decision over Angel Ortiz ... Won all six of his fights in 1979 ... Added seven more wins in 1980, four of them knockouts ... Went the ten-round distance for the first time against Marvin Jenkins in March 1981 ... Was 5-0 in 1981 ... Opened 1982 with a sixth-round knockout of Raul Fernandez in White Plains, N.Y. ... In April, Bob Harvey took him the distance with Costello getting the nod ... After knocking out Felix Favella and Dominic Fox, he was pitted against veteran Willie Rodriguez ... Looked good for the first seven rounds but tired in rounds nine and ten ... Was decked late in the fight but won the decision ... Has fought only once in 1983, stopping Carl Crowley in two ... Has had three shceduled fights against Johnny Bumphus postponed and was scheduled to fight against Alexis Arguello on national TV before that bout was cancelled ... Has one of the best left hooks in the division ... His brother Vinnie is a lightweight prospect ... Overall record: 24-0, 13 knockouts..

UBALDO SACCO

BORN: JULY 28, 1955 ... CONSIDERED BY many to be one of Argentina's legitimate fighters ... Turned pro on April 22, 1979 with a fifth round knockout over Luis Garay ... Knocked out his first sixth opponents and finished 1979 with nine victories ... In his 17th fight, he lost for the first time, dropping a decision to Hugo Quartapelle ... Won the Argentine junior welterweight title on May 23, 1981 with a 12-round decision over Roberto Alfaro ... Scored eleven wins in 1981 ... Won the South American junior welterweight title on May 15, 1982, again defeating Alfaro via a 12-round decision ... Was 8-0 in 1982 ... Opened 1983 with a decision win over Juan Merlo ... On March 18th, he



the undercard of the Michael Spinks/Dwight Braxton title fight ... Many ringside observers were astonished by his slickness ... On June 25th in Buenos Aires, he dropped a very unpopular split-decision to Lorenzo Garcia ... In their rematch in late July, they battled to a draw ... Overall record: 44-2-1, 19 knockouts.

RONNIE SHIELDS

BORN: JUNE 6, 1958, IN PORT ARTHUR, Texas ... Height: 5' 9" ... Has three brothers and two sisters ... Amateur record: 242-21 ... Won six regional Golden Gloves titles, three Texas State Golden Gloves championships and three National Golden Gloves crowns ... Willie Savannah handled him as an amateur and still is with him as manager ... Began boxing in 1973 as an amateur ... Turned pro in 1980 ... Stopped all three opponents that year ... On May 2, 1981, went with stablemate Freddie Jackson to Mexico City on last-minute notice ... Both expected easy victories ... Both lost, Shields being stopped in the sixth round by Guillermo Miranda ... Then reeled off nine straight wins, seven by knockout ... On November 17, 1982, squared off against Bruce Curry for the USBA title and a crack at the WBC title ... Curry won the 12-round decision and went on to become champion ... Shields has fought twice in 1983 ... On March 6th, he decisioned Jimmy Blevins in Atlantic City ... On May 28th, he knocked out Fili Ramirez in three in Las Vegas ... Overall record: 17-2, 13 knockouts.

PATRIZIO OLIVA

BORN: JANUARY 28, 1959 ... REPRESENTED Italy in the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and captured the Gold Medal in the 139-pound class ... Turned pro on October 11, 1980 and scored a six-round decision over Nelson Gomez ... Closed out 1980 with three more wins ... After winning first five fights by decision, knocked out 11 of his next 13 opponents ... Won the Italian Junior Welterweight title on November 4, 1980 with a second round knockout over Guiseppe Russi ... Had big year in 1982, winning all nine bouts ... Victories included title defenses against Bruno Simili (KO 8), Giuseppe Martinese

(W 12), and Luciano Navarra (W 12) ... Won the European Junior Welterweight title on January 5, 1983 in Foro d' Ishia, scoring a 12-round decision over Robert Gambini ... Only other recorded bout to date was on March 19th when he defended his European title against Francisco Leon in Naples and knocked him out in 11 ... Overall record: 28-0, 13 knockouts.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

RAY (BOOM BOOM) MANCINI

BORN: MARCH 4, 1961, IN YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio ... Height: 5' 6½" ... Amateur record: 43-7, 23 KO's ... Son of the original "Boom Boom," 1940's lightweight contender Lenny Mancini, who never got his deserved title shot because of military obligation ... "Discovered" by trainer Murphy Griffith

in 1979 at National Golden Gloves in Indianapolis ... Turned pro shortly thereafter with Griffith as trainer and Dave Wolf as manager ... Won his first 20 bouts, 15 by kayo, including NABF lightweight title ... After a 12-round defense against tough Mexican Jose Luis Ramirez, Ray signed to meet WBC champion Alexis Arguello on October 3, 1981 ... Mancini suffered the only loss of his career as he was outclassed in the last four rounds and was stopped in the 14th ... Ray was right back in the ring though, scoring an easy 2nd-round kayo of veteran Manuel Abedoy in December ... Began 1982 with a 10th-round stoppage of veteran Julio Valdez and then signed for a May 8th title shot against WBA champ Art Frias ... In one of the shortest—and most exciting—lightweight title fights ever, Ray threw 34 punches in 22 seconds to stop Frias late in first round, after being jarred early by countering shots ... Made first defense against former champ Ernesto Espana, in front of 20,000 people in an outdoor high school football stadium in his economically depressed hometown of Youngstown ... His next fight ended in tragedy ... On November 13 in Las Vegas, Mancini stopped Korean Deuk-Koo Kim in the 14th ... Four days later, Kim died as a result of the fight ... Overcame tragedy in February this year with a 10-round non-title decision over George Feeney ... Was scheduled to face Ken Bogner in May as part of a Southern Africa extravaganza but separated his shoulder, cancelling the event ... Has become a big commodity outside the ring, endorsing a line of children's toys and modeling men's fashions ... Will defend against No. 1 contender Orlando Romero on Sept. 15th in Madison Square Garden ... Overall record: 26-1-1, 20 knockouts,

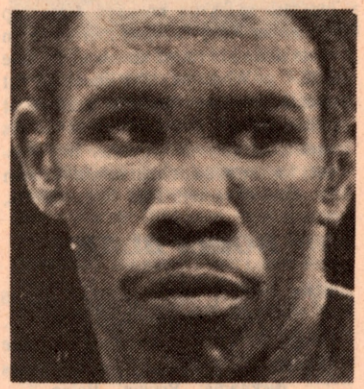
EDWIN ROSARIO

BORN: MARCH 15, 1963, IN PUERTO RICO ... resides in Toa Japa, Puerto Rico ... Height: 5' 6½" ... Probably turned pro in late 1978 or early 1979 ... Even co-manager Jimmy Jacobs can't account properly for all of Edwin's early fights ... Trainer Manny Sciaca, who has been with Rosario since Edwin took up boxing, claims his fighter's record was 18 wins, 18 KO's before veteran James Martinez went the 10-round distance on the Leonard-Hearns undercard September 16, 1981 (the Ring Record book accounts for only 11 of these 18 bouts) ... Was world-rated as a junior featherweight at the outset of 1981, but moved quickly into and through the featherweight and jr. lightweight ranks ... Vaulted into the lightweight limelight with an awesome 3rd round destruction of perennial top-ten 135-pounder Edwin Viruet, who had been 25 rounds without suffering a knockdown against Roberto Duran in his lightweight prime ... The May knockout in Las Vegas was costly to Rosario though, as he injured his right wrist ... Although not broken as first thought, Edwin's wrist took the rest of the year to heal ... In his only fight in 1983, he won a close 12-round decision over Mexico's Jose Luis Ramirez to win

the vacant WBC lightweight title on May 1st ... Many thought Ramirez won as Rosario did not look the winner after the fight with his left eye nearly shut and blood flowing from his mouth ... His right hand is once again in a cast and his first defense is supposed to be against Roberto Elizondo ... Overall record: (Ring Record Book): 18-0, 16 KO's; (According to Manny Sciaca): 26-0, 24 knockouts.

HOWARD DAVIS

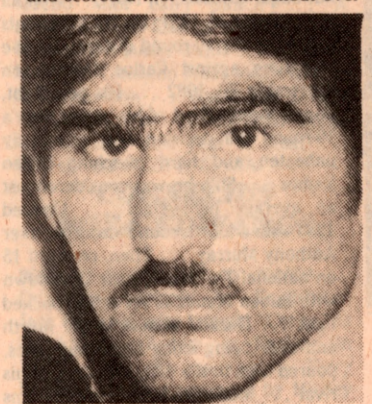
BORN: FEBRUARY 14, 1956 ... BECAME INterested in boxing in 1970 after seeing movie "Cassius Clay, a.k.a. Muhammad Ali" ... Began boxing as a bantamweight in 1972 ... The following year won the first of his record four consecutive New York Golden Gloves championships ... Beat current WBA junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor twice and Thomas Hearns once as an amateur ... 1976 Olympic Games lightweight Gold Medalist ... Won Val Barker Award for best boxer in the Olympics edging Sugar Ray Leonard and Teo Stevenson ... Possibly the fastest punching boxer in the world ... His 72½" reach is phenomenal for a lightweight ... His only pro loss was a 15-round decision in an attempt to win Jim Watt's lightweight crown on June 7, 1980 ... Fought only twice between title attempt and April, 1982 when he decisioned Angel Cruz ... Split with co-managers Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones early in 1982 ... Has aligned himself with N.Y. businessman Ed Gersh who has kept him extremely active ... Won all six fights in 1982 ... Began 1983 with a scare, being decked twice by hard-punching Tony Baltazar but winning a very unpopular 10-round decision ... Looked impressive in outjabbing George Feeney ... Displayed



rare punching power in stopping highly ranked Greg Coverson in eight rounds ... Davis, the WBC's No. 2 contender, was expected to move into the No. 1 slot, especially after beating the No. 4 ranked Coverson ... Instead, he was dropped to No. 3 and Roberto Elizondo was moved up ... Before that, he was expected to move to No. 1 after Jose Luis Ramirez and Edwin Rosario fought for the vacant title but Ramirez still remain No. 1 ... Sick of the politics, Davis will now campaign as a junior welterweight unless a lightweight title shot comes along ... Overall record: 24-1, 9 knockouts.

ROBERTO ELIZONDO

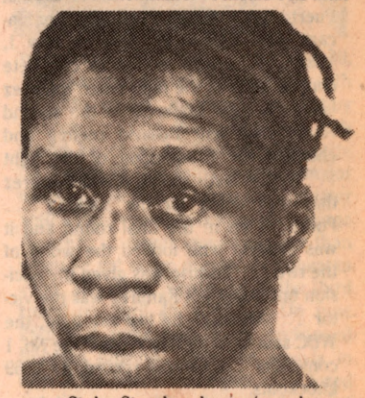
BORN: DECEMBER 8, 1955, IN CORPUS Christi, Texas ... Managed by Jackie McCoy ... Turned pro on April 5, 1977 and scored a first round knockout over



Rodolfo Perez ... Injuries have held him back through much of his career ... After reeling off five straight victories in 1977, fought only twice in 1978 ... First loss was a seventh round kayo to Viterbo Romas on January 16, 1979 because of cuts ... Won his next 16 fights ... On November 21, 1981, he held his own against WBC lightweight champion Alexis Arguello before being stopped in seven ... Did not fight until next June and dropped a 10-round decision to Cornelius Boza-Edwards ... Biggest win came on October 24th last year when he stopped former WBA champion Hilmer Kenty after just two rounds on national television ... After being outjabbed by the quicker Kenty in the first round, Elizondo did what he does best, pound to the body ... He shook Kenty up pretty bad and he quit between rounds ... Has only fought twice this year ... He decisioned Jose Perez in May and Jose Torres in June ... Is scheduled to face WBC champ Edwin Rosario as soon as Rosario's right hand heals ... Overall record: 27-3, 20 knockouts.

LIVINGSTONE BRAMBLE

BORN IN ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS, ON March 3, 1960 ... Now resides in Passaic, N.J. ... Height: 5'8" ... Amateur record: 43-4, 27 knockouts, including a win over Luis Pizarro, who represented Puerto Rico in the 1980 Olympics ... Hobbies: Writing poems, basketball, swimming and raising pit bulls ... Nickname: "Passaic Pac-Man"



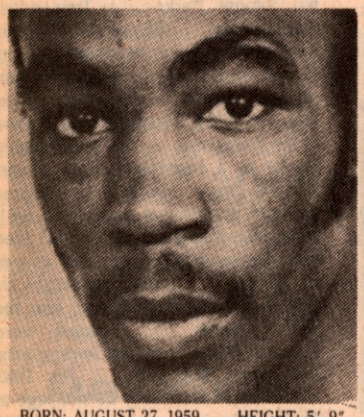
... Style: Stand-up boxer/puncher ... Managed by Sammy Sangis ... Trained by Tommy Parks ... Tremendous fighting heart ... Biggest win came on June 4, 1981, when he stopped Kenny Bogner in the seventh round of a fight telecast on ESPN ... Turned pro on October 16, 1980, stopping Jesus Serrano in the first round ... Two months later, fought to a four-round draw against talented Bruce Williams ... Suffered his only professional setback in 1981, when talented southpaw Anthony Fletcher decisioned him over eight rounds on August 31 ... Won all five of his 1982 fights, pushing his way into the world ratings ... Included were 10-round decisions against Jerome Artis and James Busceme ... His 1983 record shows a January 22 stoppage of Romeo Sandoval (ninth round), a seventh-round stoppage of Ted Hatfield on February 23, and a 10-round decision against Canada's Gaetan Hart on April 26 ... Overall record: 16-1-1, 10 knockouts.

JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ

JUST 24 YEARS OLD ... HAS 88 PROFESsional fights in that time period ... Considered one of the best Mexican fighters around today ... Managed and trained by Ramon Felix ... Height: 5′ 7½″ ... A southpaw ... Holds the Mexican lightweight title ... Early record is sketchy ... Has lost only four times, all to champions ... On November 28, 1978, he was knocked out in two rounds by Ruben Olivares ... Decked Alexis Arguello on November 14, 1980, but lost a highly disputed split-decision in Arguello's hometown of Miami, Florida ... On

July 19, 1981, looked like a completely different fighter as he was shut out over 12 rounds by Ray Mancini on national TV ... Bout was for the NABF title ... Won all seven fights in 1982, winning six by knockout ... Was paired against Puerto Rico's Edwin Rosario for the vacant WBC lightweight title on May 1, 1983 ... Rosario looked in complete control early in the fight when Ramirez landed a right uppercut in the second round that sent Rosario reeling and changed the complexion of the fight ... By the sixth round, it was Ramirez that was doing all the stalking ... Poured it on in the final round and it was Rosario who looked the worst of the two ... Rosario was given the decision but many felt Ramirez was the victor ... Although he lost the fight, the WBC saw fit to let him remain the No. 1 contender ... Overall record: 83-4, 69 knockouts.

JIMMY PAUL



BORN: AUGUST 27, 1959 ... HEIGHT: 5′ 9″ ... Amateur record: 78-14 ... Lived on a farm in South Carolina until his family moved to Detroit when he was nine ... When he was 14, his brother Melvin, now a top lightweight, decided to give boxing a try ... He came home bruised and battered but Jimmy knew he could do better ... He went to the gym and was trained by Jacque Farmer ... Two doors down from Paul were the McCrory brothers, Milton and Steve, who joined Jimmy on his trips to the gym everyday ... As an amateur, he won the state Golden Gloves title four times and the state AAU title three times ... In 1976, Farmer retired and Paul and the McCrorys joined Emanuel Steward's Kronk stable where they have remained since ... Debuted as a pro on October 23, 1980 and knocked out Ken Reid in five rounds ... Won his first 11 fights by knockout before going the 10-round distance for the first and only time with veteran Jerome Artis on April 29, 1982 ... Has fought only once in 1983 but won the USBA title in convincing fashion as he knocked down top contender Andy Ganigan four times en route to a sixth round knockout on June 12th ... When he's not knocking out people, he takes business courses at junior college and takes care of his variety of pets ... Another top prospect for the red-hot lightweight division ... Overall record: 17-0, 16 knockouts.

ROBIN BLAKE

BORN: APRIL 16, 1962, IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS ... Now resides in Levelland, Texas ... Height: 5′ 11″ ... Managed by Dave Gorman ... Trained by Joe Barrientes ... Nickname: Rockin' Robin ... Began boxing at age seven ... At 16,

he was the Texas featherweight champion ... Won the 1980 Olympic Trials bronze medal ... A southpaw ... Turned pro on August 8, 1981, knocking out Sugar Gonzales in two ... Won all seven fights in 1981, six by knockouts ... Went the 10-round distance for the first time against Carlos Santana on September 30, 1982 ... His next fight, one of the toughest of his career, was a 10-round split-decision over previously unbeaten and hard punching Primo Ramos ... Still, he was considered just an average lightweight ... Opened 1983 with a fourth round knockout over Anthony Murray ... Then, on April 15 on national TV, had a Texas showdown with Ruben Munoz in an action packed fight ... Decked Munoz in the fourth and after being stung numerous times, poured it on in the 10th and stopped his rival ... Made quick knockout victims of J.C. Kim and Sterling McPherson before facing knockout artist Tony Baltazar on national TV on July 24th ... Survived a rough seventh but came back in the eighth to floor Baltazar ... Decked the rugged Californian twice in the ninth and the bout was stopped ... Wears pink trunks because he wants to and nobody's arguing ... Overall record: 21-0, 15 knockouts.

KEN BOGNER

BORN: JANUARY 9, 1961 ... RESIDES IN Trenton, New Jersey ... Managed by his dad, Ken Sr. ... Trained by Carmine Graziano ... His cutman, Eddie Aliano, who is one of the best in the business, has saved many of his fights ... At 16, he won the New Jersey Golden Gloves as a featherweight ... While riding his motorcycle, he was struck by a speeding car and the collision nearly severed his right leg ... After a month in the hospital and a year of rehabilita-

tion, he returned to the ring to win another Golden Gloves crown as a lightweight and also the New Jersey Diamond Gloves championship ... Amateur record: 45-5, 36 knockouts ... Nickname: "Bang Bang" and anyone who has seen him fight knows why ... A non-stop brawler ... Turned pro on May 22, 1980, knocking out Robert Johnson in two ... Three fights later, fought a four-round draw with Jose (Cheo) Ortiz ... One week later, he decisioned Ortiz ... First big win came over highly regarded Robert "Pee Wee" Rucker and Bogner was relentless, stopping Rucker in six ... On June 4, 1981, suddenly pulled a "No Mas" against Livingstone Bramble in the seventh round for the only loss of his pro career ... Bogner's nose was later shown to be broken ... Opened 1982 with a war against Louie Hubela before stopping him in six ... Closed out the year with a 10-round decision over Gonzallo Montellano ... Was to earn the biggest payday of his career on May 27th of this year when he challenged Ray Mancini for the WBA lightweight title in Southern Africa ... A shoulder separation to Mancini cancelled the bout and his payday ... In his only fight in 1983, he outpointed Trevor Evelyn ... Overall record: 19-1-1, 11 knockouts.

ORLANDO ROMERO

BORN: MARCH 23, 1960, IN TRUMILLO, Peru ... Height: 5′ 6½″ ... Southpaw ... Began his career on February 24, 1979 with a six-round decision over Rafael Pando ... Won his next three fights before being held to a six-round draw by Miguel Macias ... Closed out 1979 with seven more victories ... Won the Peruvian lightweight title on April 19, 1980, with a sixth round knockout of Domingo Gonzalez ... Won the Latin American lightweight title on September 20, 1980, scoring a

12-round decision over Leonidas Asprilla ... Won all six of his bouts in 1981, including wins over Rudy Alpizar and Ruben Riani ... Was 5-0 in 1982 ... Closed out 1982 with a 10-round decision over American Jerome Artis ... Began 1983 with a ninth round knockout of Jose C. Dos Santos ... In March, he defeated Antonio "Kid Can" Cruz for the second time on a decision ... On May 20th, he secured his No. 1 ranking among the WBA with a 10-round decision over Julio Melone ... Is rated No. 2 in the Latin American ratings behind veteran Jose Luis Ramirez ... Known as a busy fighter, he does not possess the knockout punch needed for this talent ladened division ... Will challenge Ray Mancini for the WBA title on September 15th in Madison Square Garden ... Overall record: 30-0-1, 12 knockouts.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

ROGER MAYWEATHER

BORN 21 YEARS AGO IN GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan ... Height: 5′10″ ...

Managed by Bill Baxter ... Trained by Jessie Reid ... Now lives in Las Vegas ... Long arms, good punching power in both hands, and ring generalship are

his biggest assets ... Only weaknesses are a suspect chin and a tendency to load up on his punches ... The younger brother of world-class welterweight Floyd Mayweather ... Turned pro on July 29, 1981 with a first-round kayo ... Won six straight fights that first year, four by knockout ... Took three straight 1982 victories into a showdown with another highly regarded prospect, Carlton "Two Gun" Sparrow ... Stopped Sparrow in four rounds on ESPN to establish his name among the top prospects in the world on July 29, 1982 ... Took two more consecutive vitories into a nationally televised showdown with favored Ruben Munoz in Atlantic City on October 23 ... Outboxed and outclassed Munoz to win the USBA Lightweight crown ... Began his carreer as a featherweight, but was soon ranked as both a junior lightweight and lightweight ... Can still fight at either weight class ... Nicknamed the "Black Mamba" because of his physical attributes ... Some have compared his body build to a small Tommy Hearns ... Closed out 1982 with a second round KO of unknown Elmer Suttington ... Suddenly found himself in line for a shot at WBA Jr. Lightweight champ Sammy Serrano ... On January 9th of this year, stopped Serrano in the eighth round of a one-sided bout ... It was in this bout that questions first started to be raised about Roger's chin, as the feather-fisted (only 16 KOs in more than 50 fights) Serrano had Mayweather hurt in the eighth before getting stopped himself ... Defended hiw crown for the first ime with an eight round knockout of previously unbeaten Jorge Alvarado ... Despite his unblemished record, Alvarado was unknown and reputed to be another light hitter, but he, too, had Roger hurt in both the third and fourth rounds ... On August 17, stopped Benedicto Villablanca in the opening round ... Overall record: 16-0, 10 knockouts.

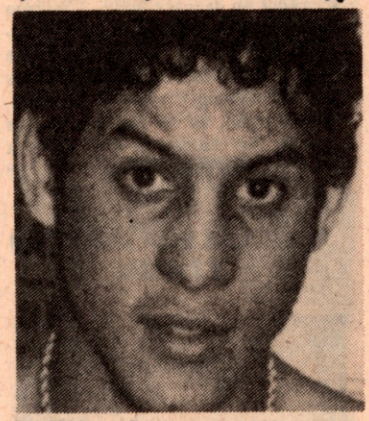
BOBBY CHACON

BORN ON NOVEMBER 21, 1951, IN LOS Angeles ... Height: 5'5½" ... Turned pro in 1972 ... Fought 15 times that year, winning all but one by knockout ... By that year's end, was already a world-class fighter and a gate attraction in Southern California ... A February 1973 knockout of Turi Pineda, followed by a stoppage of former bantamweight king Chucho Castillo two months later put Chacon in line to face Ruben Olivares for the vacant NABF featherweight title ... Olivares stopped him on cuts in round nine on June 23, 1973 ... On May 24, 1974, Chacon found himself in against Danny "Little Red" Lopez ... Lopez was 23-0 with 22 knockouts, but Bobby stopped him in nine rounds ... In September 1974, he won the WBC Featherweight crown from Alfredo Marcano with a ninth round stoppage ... In his second defense of the title, he was stopped by Olivares in two ... Was beaten again in 1975 by Bazooka Limon ... Regrouped to win ten bouts in a row, including a ten-round decision over Olivarres in a non-title effort ... Challenged Alexis Arguello for the WBC Junior Lightweight crown in November 1979, but was stopped on cuts in round seven ... Beat Bazooka Limon in a 10-round rematch, Chacon's only 1980 fight ... Turned in a sensational effort against the new WBC Junior Lightweight champion, Cornelius Boza-Edwards, on May 30, 1981, only to be stopped in the 13th round ... Chacon's wife, Valerie, tragically killed herself early in 1982 ... Bobby fought just days later in an emotional victory ... Had two other victories in 1982 before signing to face Limon in a rubber match (they had each won a ten-round decision and there was one technical draw) for the WBC title Limon had won from Rolando Navarette ... On December 11, 1982, Chacon won a unanimous 15-round decision in The Ring's "Fight of the Year" ... Bobby's effort also won him

The Ring's "Comeback of the Year" honors ... Signed to defend his title against #1 contender Boza-Edwards but, under pressure from Don King, the WBC refused to sanction the bout ... NBC and Chacon agreed to go on with the fight anyway, and Chacon won a unanimous 12-round decision in a brutal, bloody fight that saw Boza-Edwards go down three times and Chacon suffer major gashes all over his face ... Was stripped of his crown in July and is still fighting in the courts to have his title returned to him in spite of Hector Camacho's victory over Limon for the "vacant" title in August ... A slick boxer with deceptive power and unequaled heart, Bobby must still be considered among the best in this division ... His tendency to bleed badly in every bout is his biggest weakness ... May forego trying to win back his junior lightweight crown and move up to face WBA Lightweight champ Boom-Boom Mancini ... Overall record: 52-6-1, 43 KOs.

HECTOR (MACHO) CAMACHO

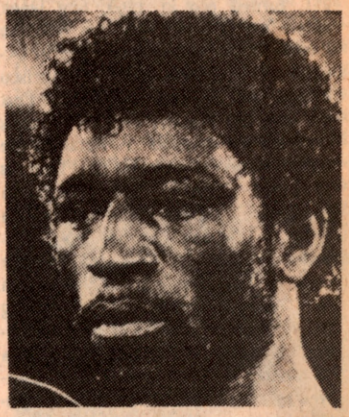
BORN: MAY 24, 1982, IN SPANISH HARLEM, NY ... Most of his amateur fights were in the streets of New York, although he did win some Golden Gloves titles in his amateur career ... Amateur record: 96-4 ... Was more concerned with his "Macho" image than his boxing career at that time, beating up kids bigger than himself and stealing cars ... The car theft business landed him a three-month stretch at New York's Riker's Island prison as a 16-year-old ... Turned pro



in 1980 ... By the end of 1981, he had won 12 straight bouts, 6 by KO, including a 12-round decision of Blaine Dickson for the NABF 130-pound title in December ... Catapulted to the top of the rankings in both the junior lightweight and lightweight divisions with seven straight 1982 wins, most of which were nationally televised ... Stopped previously unbeaten Louie Loy in seven rounds in July 1982 and tough veteran Johnny Sato in four just six weeks later ... Last two 1982 outings were decision victories over two unbeaten fighters, Melvin Paul and Greg Coverson ... Hector is having his biggest year so far in 1983, stopping once-beaten lightweight John Montes, Jr. with a single left hand in round one ... Then beat another highly regarded West Coast lightweight in April with a 10-round decision over previously unbeaten Cubanito Perez ... After the WBC had stripped Bobby Chacon of their half of the 130-pound title for not facing Camacho, Hector signed to take on former champ Rafael "Bazooka" Limon ... In a disgraceful non-effort by Limon, Camacho ascended to the title with a 5th round demolition job ... Despite Chacon's continued attempts to have the courts restore his title, Hector is now the WBC champion and looks to hold onto it for a long time to come ... Blessed with the fastest hands in boxing and equally swift feet, Camacho's knockouts of the tough Montes, Loy and Limon are erasing the rumors that the Macho Man can't punch ... A showdown with Chacon now appears to be what the public wants ... Whoever he fights, Camacho looks tough to beat in this division ... Would like to fight WBA Lightweight Champ Boom Boom Mancini later this year or next ... Overall record: 22-0, 12 KOs.

CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS

BORN ON MAY 27, 1956, IN UGANDA ... Originally managed by Englishman Jack Edwards, who brought "Corny," as his friends call him, to England in 1974 ... Was also managed by Terry Lawless ... Now managed by Mickey Duff and trained by George Francis ... Now resides in Las Vegas ... Southpaw ... Loves music ... Plays several instruments ... Fought in Uganda as a flyweight and a bantamweight ... Lost only one of an estimated 80 amateur fights, that one to world-class professional flyweight Steven Muchoki ... A tragic accident cost his wife, Jackie, her life in August 1979, leaving him to raise their daughter, Michelle ... Turned pro in late 1976 ... Knocked out his first nine opponents before losing on a cut to Des Gwilliam in September 1977 ... Won his next 18 fights before facing Alexis Arguello in a non-title bout in August 1980 ... Arguello stopped him in the eighth round of a brutal bout ... After the fight, Arguello predicted Boza would become the next king of the junior lightweights ... He was right ... Seven months later, Corny outpointed Rafael (Bazooka) Limon to win the junior lightweight title ... The bout

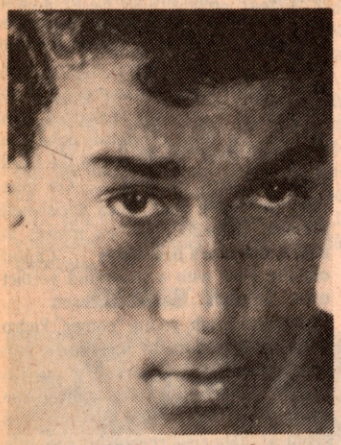


was one of 1981's best ... On May 30, 1981, successfully retained the title with a 13th round knockout of Bobby Chacon ... Lost the crown by a fifth round knockout to Rolando Navarette on August 29 that same year in a major upset ... Returned three months later with a third-round knockout of Santiago Alvarez ... Never looked sharper than when he cut down previously unbeaten John "the Heat" Verderosa in the third round on April 25, 1982 ... On June 26th that same year, Boza decisioned Roberto Elizondo over ten rounds in one of the year's best fights ... Closed out the year with a ten-round verdict over veteran Blaine Dickson ... Outclassed tough, young "comer" Pedro Laza in a nationally televised ninth round kayo on February 27th of this year ... On May 15, 1983, in one of this year's best bouts, Boza-Edwards was given a chance to regain his lost title against new WBC Champ Bobby Chacon on NBC-TV ... Despite the WBC's threats to strip Chacon of the title for facing their #1 contender (due to pressure from promoter Don King, who wanted Chacon to defend against Hector Camacho), Bobby retained the title with a non-stop action, bloody 12-round decision ... Chacon had Boza on the canvas three times, twice on flash knockdowns in the first two frames when Boza-Edwards had controlled the action ... There was also a controversy raised by NBC commentators Marv Albert and Ferdie Pacheco as to the amount of rest given Chacon for the ringside doctor's frequent inspections of the champion's cuts, although

the Boza-Edwards camp never argued the point . . . Chacon was later stripped of his crown for refusing to defend against Camacho . . . Camacho became the new champ by beating Limon in August, and Corny must now be considered as a prime opponent for either Camacho or WBA Champ Roger Mayweather . . . A fine stand-up boxer/puncher with power in either hand, Boza-Edwards still catches too many punches because of a lack of effort at defense . . . The beatings he seems to engage in in nearly every bout may cause him to slow down before his time . . . Still one of the class fighters in this division . . . Overall record: 38-4, 29 KOs.

SAMMY SERRANO

BORN ON NOVEMBER 7, 1952, IN TOA Alta, Puerto Rico . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Turned pro in 1969, one week before his 17th birthday . . . Won the Puerto Rican Featherweight title in October 1971, beating talented Francisco Villegas on a 12-round decision . . . Lost the title 5½ months later as Villegas reversed the decision . . . Retained the Puerto Rican crown in his next bout, as 12-round decision over Benjamin Ramirez . . . Defended the title once in 1972, a 12-round decision over Benjamin Ramirez . . . Defended the title once in 1972, a 12-round points win over Angel Rivera . . . After winning five fights in 1973, Serrano, now struggling to make 126 pounds, dropped a 10-round decision to WBA Featherweight king Ernesto Marcel in a non-title bout . . . Moving into the junior lightweight division, where he felt stronger, Serrano began reeling off victories . . . Four wins in 1974 and five



more in 1975 moved him into a title bout against Ben Villaflor . . . In April 1976, Serrano and Villaflor fought to a draw . . . In a re-match six months later, Serrano became the champion with a 15-round decision . . . The longest reign in the brief history of the junior lightweights ensued—three years, 10 months and 10 successful defenses . . . Lost the crown to Yasutsune Uehara on August 2, 1980, when he was knocked out in the sixth round by a single right hand to the jaw . . . Regained the title on April 9, 1981, with a 15-round decision over Uehara . . . Followed with two successful defenses in 1981, a 15-round verdict over Leonel Hernandez and a 12-round stoppage of Hikaru Tomonari . . . Fought only once in 1982, retaining his crown with a technical win over Benedicto Villablanca in the tenth round . . . Has fought only once so far in 1983, losing his WBA title to young Roger Mayweather on an eighth round knockout on January 9th . . . Serrano was never in the fight, although he staggered Mayweather shortly before he went down himself in the eighth . . . Is now considering a move to the lightweight ranks, as he has had trouble making the 130-pound limit in past bouts . . . Overall record: 46-4-1, 16 KOs.

RAFAEL (BAZOOKA) LIMON

BORN ON JANUARY 13, 1954, IN MEXICO City, Mexico . . . Southpaw . . . Despite a lack of boxing skill, he has endured with a ton of heart . . . A throwback to the oldtime fighters . . . Began his career in 1972 . . . Lost five of his first 19 fights . . . The 14 he won were by kayo . . . It took 26 victories and four years before Limon was given a title shot . . . In this first instance, the champ at the time was Alexis Arguello . . . On July 8, 1979, in New York's first boxing match on a Sunday, Arguello stopped Limon on cuts in the 11th round to retain his WBC Junior Lightweight title . . . In a fight for the same title 17 months later, Limon claimed the crown vacated by Arguello with a 15th-round stoppage of Idelfonso Bethelmy . . . In his first defense, Limon lost a tough 15-round verdict to Cornelius Boza-Edwards . . . On May 29, 1982, Limon regained his belt with a stunning comeback knockout of Boza-Edwards' conqueror Rolando Navarette . . . Navarette had controlled the fight before falling in the 12th round . . . Defended the title once that year with a seventh round stoppage of Chung Il-Choi . . . Lost the title to Bobby Chacon on a 15-round decision in one of the best fights of 1982 . . . Limon had dropped Chacon twice earlier in the fight before going down himself moments before the final bell . . . Was given perhaps his last chance at the crown when he fought Hector "Macho" Camacho for the title the WBC stripped from Chacon in August . . . Looked very old and washed up when he didn't land a clean punch en route to a fifth round knockout loss at the hands of the Macho Man . . . Overall record: 47-13-2, 35 KOs.

JORGE ALVARADO

BORN OUTSIDE PANAMA CITY, PANAMA, in 1961 . . . Managed by Luis Spada . . . A hard puncher, especially with the left hook . . . Turned professional on May 5, 1979, stopping Humberto Mejia in the third round in Colon, Panana . . . Alvarado fought five more times in the next five months, winning all five fights, three by knockout . . . In the last of those fights, he moved into the six-round class . . . Alvarado was so impressive in that fight, outscoring Sergio Del Cid, and so impressive in ensuing workouts, that manager Spada moved him into the eight-round class five months later . . . Once again, Alvarado won a 10-round decision, this time beating Ricardo Chavez in Panama City . . . and once again, Alvarado was so impressive that Spada moved him up in class—to 10-round status . . . In his next outing, slightly less than two months later, Alvarado won a 10-round decision over Bok-Soo Hwan in Seoul, Korea . . . On October 4, 1980, fought on the undercard to countryman Eusebio Pedroza's successful title defense against Rocky Lockridge . . . In his toughest test as a pro, Alvarado impressed all as he outpointed American veteran Gerald Hayes over 10 rounds . . . A December 13, 1980, second-round stoppage left his record at 11-0, six knockouts . . . Five victories in 1981 moved him into the world ratings, especially his May 16 and December 27 decisions against Enrique Maxwell and Il-Bok Lee, respectively, two world-class fighters . . . Fought only twice in 1982, in March and October, winning both timese . . . Took an 18-0 record into an April 20 title challenge against world titleholder Roger Mayweather . . . Although he nearly knocked Mayweather out with left hooks which had him reeling, Alvarado was tight throughout the contest, and could never get fully untracked . . . Mayweather stopped him in 2:20 of the eighth round . . . Overall record 18-1, 8 knockouts.

ROLANDO NAVARETTE

BORN IN THE PHILIPPINES ON FEBRUARY 14, 1957 . . . Grew up in the Philippine polulous known as General Santos City . . . Began boxing at age 14 . . . Had nearly three dozen unsanctioned pro bouts in and around his home town before actually applying for a license . . . Moved to Manila in 1974 . . . Began fighting as a licensed pro soon after moving to Manila . . . Managed by Paul Sakamoto . . . Trained by Marcellus

Dudoit . . . Married . . . Dedicates every fight to his young daughter, Elland Nani . . . Fought the best fighters in the Philippines right from the start . . . His most disappointing loss was an eighth-round kayo to Johnny Sato on New Year's Eve, 1977 . . . It was a loss Navarette spent years hoping to avenge . . . Soon after that loss, he split with his original manager and signed with Sakamoto . . . Things have been different for him since . . . Following the loss to Sato, won his next 14 bouts . . . Suddenly, Navarette was in the ring with the great Alexis Arguello . . . Rolando was stopped on a severe eye cut in the fourth round on April 27, 1981 . . . Had a 12-round victory over Sato for the NABF Junior Lightweight title . . . Became a late substitute replacing Rafael "Bazooka" Limon against Cornelius Boza-Edwards for the WBC Junior Lightweight crown on August 29, 1981 . . . In one of the major upsets of the year, he knocked out the champion in the fifth round . . . His first title defense was on January 16, 1982, against Chung Il-Choi in Manila . . . In one of 1982's fights of the year, stopped Choi in the 11th round . . . Lost his title to former champion Limon in Las Vegas on May 29th . . . Although ahead on all three judges' cards, was stopped in the 12th round of another non-stop action fight . . . Has come back with two consecutive knockout wins, over Young Sae-Oh and Saul Meyran . . . Still a dangerous puncher with either hand, all the wars, he ha been through may have taken something away from him . . . Still in the title picture at 130 pounds . . . Overall record: 43-9-3, 22 KOs.

CHUNG IL-CHOI

BORN ON APRIL 2,1958, IN PUSAN, KOREA . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Turned pro in May 1979 . . . Knocked out all five of his opponents that year . . . Stretched his consecutive kayo run to seven when he stopped his first two opponents in 1980 . . . Had his string snapped on May 10, 1980, when Yoshitaka Ikehara lasted the 10-round distance against him . . . Ikehara took quite a beating in the fight . . . Began a new knockout streak in his next fight, halting Rod Sequenan in the eighth round . . . Choi proved he had a sturdy chin in that bout as he took Sequenan's best shots before stopping him in th eighth round of a very tough fight . . . Kayoed all four of his 1981 opponents . . . Took a 13-0 record into a January 16, 1982 title fight against the then-reigning WBC Junior Lightweight champ Rolando Navarette . . . Fight was billed as the "Duel at the Park" . . . It might well have been called the "Thrilla in Manilla II" . . . In front of 30,000 fans, Choi and Navarette battered each other for 10 rounds . . . Finally, in the 11th round, Navarette, who had been down earlier in the fight, knocked out Choi with a right to the chin . . . As the ref was counting Choi out, Navarette collapsed next to him on the canvas . . . For the fight, Choi received $40,000 —clear! . . . Challenged new WBC champ Rafael "Bazooka" Limon for the title in September 1982 . . . Was stopped in the seventh round of

another action fight ... Has not fought in 1983, but needs a big win to get back into the title picture ... Overall record: 13-2, 12 KOs.

RUBEN MUNOZ, JR.

BORN IN 1958, IN ODESSA, TEXAS ... Height: 5'7" ... Two-time Texas Golden Gloves champion ... Captained state team in 1979 ... Managed by Doug Lord and Ike Issacs ... Trained by his father Ruben, Sr. ... Turned pro on July 9, 1979, decisioning John Morgan over four rounds ... Suffered his first loss in his ninth pro fight to Dennis Quimayousie on points ... Went on a tear after that ... Has style which baffles most opponents ... When they think they've figured out how to avoid his left jab and right cross, he switches to southpaw stance and nails them with the right hook ... Did that to USBA lightweight champ Curtis Harris on March 14, 1982 and kayoed him in the fourth round of a non-title bout ... He then captured the USBA title on July 18th when he ripped apart former WBA lightweight champion Art Frias in five ... Lost the title in his next bout against current WBA junior lightweight champ Roger Mayweather, losing on points over 12 rounds ... Closed out 1982 with a 10-round decision over Arturo Leon ... Opened 1983 with 10-round decision over Roosevelt Rico ... On April 15th of this year, had a Texas showdown with Robin Blake on national TV in an action packed fight ... Was decked in the fourth round ... Landed punches that would have stopped most fighters but Blake stood his ground and stopped Munoz in the 10th round ... At press time, he was scheduled to meet Anthony Fletcher ... Overall record: 16-3, 11 knockouts.

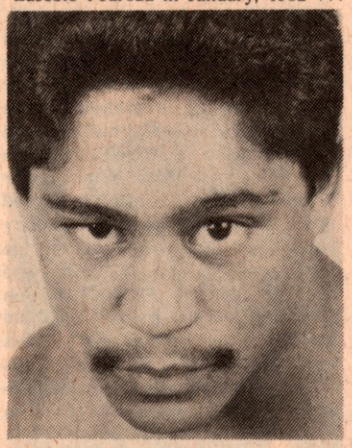
FEATHERWEIGHTS

EUSEBIO PEDROZA

BORN IN PANAMA CITY, PANAMA, ON March 2, 1953 ... Managed by Santiago del Rio ... Turned pro three months before his 21st birthday, rather late for such a talented fighter ... Height: 5' 9" ... Stopped on a cut eye in his 10th fight by Alfonso Lopez ... 1976 was a year he'd like to forget ... Fighting as a bantamweight on April 3rd, he challenged then unbeaten Alfonso Zamora for his WBA title ... A left hook put Pedroza's lights out in round three ... Three months later, Pedroza fought in bantamweight Oscar Arnal's backyard of Caracas ... Stunned by a combination, the fight was stopped in the sixth round ... Nobody has beaten him since ... Since the Arnal fight, his record stands at 20-0-1 with one no contest ... Won the WBA title by stopping Cecilio Lastra in the 13th round on April 15, 1978 ... Defended twice that year, then four times in each of the following two years ... Looked brilliant in stopping Patrick Ford in round 13 in February 1981 ... Many experts claim it was the second half of his title defense vs. Rocky Lockridge in October 1980 that made Pedroza into something more than merely the "other" champion ... Holds featherweight record for most defenses (16) ... Looked awesome in destroying Bashew Sibaca on December 5, 1982 ... His January 24, 1982 title defense against Juan LaPorte was a disgraceful, foul-filled affair ... The decision went to Pedroza ... Weeks after the fight, the New Jersey Athletic Commission reversed the decision ... The RING merely recognizes the decision as a bad one and the winner being Pedroza ... Was cut in July 17th bout against Rudy Alpizar on a butt and the non-title bout was declared no contest ... In his only other 1982 fight, he fought a 15-round draw with Bernard Taylor ... Taylor ran for most of the fight and Pedroza had trouble trying to corner him ... His only bout in 1983 was April 23rd when he again decisioned Lockridge ... Overall record: 35-3-1, 1 NC, 23 knockouts.

JUAN LA PORTE

BORN: NOVEMBER 24, 1959, IN GUYAMA, Puerto Rico ... Resides in New York ... Height: 5' 5" ... Amateur record: 29-6, including the 112-pound NY Golden Gloves title in 1976 ... Managed by Howard Albert ... Trained by Carlos Espada and Emile Griffith ... Lost his 4th pro fight on a 6-round decision in 1978 to Jose Rodriguez ... Won 11 straight bouts after that before bowing in 15 rounds in an attempt to win the WBC featherweight title from Salvador Sanchez on December 13, 1980 in El Paso ... Gave Sanchez all the trouble he could handle early, but tired quickly and only determination kept him up for the full 15 rounds ... Rode two knockouts into a USBA featherweight title showdown against Rocky Lockridge ... Knocked Lockridge cold in the 2nd round on August 22, 1981 to vault back into title contention ... In his next outing, LaPorte struggled to a 10-round decision over trialhorse Edwin Luis Rivera to close out 1981 ... Juan was cut over the left eye and in danger of having the fight stopped as early as the fifth round ... Faced off against WBA champion Eusebio Pedroza in January, 1982 ...



Took the fight to the champion again, as is his trademark, to win the first three rounds ... Nearly knocked the champion down with a dynamite right that turned Pedroza's knees to jello in the third ... Pedroza fought a dirty, low-blow, head-and-elbows fight the rest of the way which wore down LaPorte ... Pedroza was still given the decision despite having two points taken away for his dirty tactics ... The New Jersey Athletic Commission reversed the decision but the WBA stuck by the original one and Pedroza remained champ ... Decisioned Rivera in his next bout ... Unexpected death of Sanchez allowed LaPorte to meet Mario Miranda for the vacant title, which LaPorte won on a 10th round KO in Madison Square Garden on Sept. 15 ... Has defended his title twice in 1983 with 12-round decisions over Ruben Castillo and Johnny de la Rosa ... The latter fight was a disputed split-decision ... Is expected to face Wilfredo Gomez in an all-Puerto Rican war for big money in Madison Square Garden ... Overall record: 24-3, 13 knockouts.

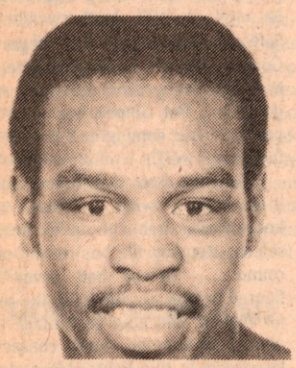
WILFREDO GOMEZ

BORN: OCTOBER 29, 1956, IN LAS MONJAS, Puerto Rico ... Height: 5' 5" ... Represented Puerto Rico in the 1972 Olympic Games as a flyweight ... Lost a decision in the second round of Olympics to Egypt's Mohamed Selim ... Turned pro in November, 1974, with a six-round draw against Jacinto Fuentes ... Began reeling off a string of knockouts, which included a 2nd round kayo over Fuentes in their June, 1975 rematch, and which would not end until August 21, 1981 ... In May, 1977, he became the youngest (20-years old) man to win the junior featherweight title—a 12th round KO of WBC super bantamweight champion Doug-Kyun Yum ... Defended title 13 times by knockout, including a 5th round kayo of Baba Jiminez in March 1979 to win the undisputed world junior featherweight title ... On August 21, 1981, having difficulty making the junior featherweight (122) limit, and wanting bigger money, he took on WBC featherweight king Salvador Sanchez in Las Vegas ... Gomez was the betting favorite, and had a 32 consecutive knockout streak going ... But Gomez was not in the proper shape, coming in 3 pounds over the featherweight limit at weigh-in time ... Sanchez destroyed Gomez' aura of invincibility with a first round knockdown, then cut up Gomez, the referee stopping the bout in the eighth round ... Gomez had never been floored before ... Still holds the record for highest knockout percentage (.951) among champions, most consecutive knockouts in title fights (14), and most consecutive kayo's in defense of his title (17)—having added four more in 1982, including 14th round KO of WBC bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor on Dec. 3rd in one of the most exciting bouts of the year ... Has fought only once in 1983 and knocked out Ivan Zamuco in a non-title bout on April 23rd ... Vacated his super bantamweight title and looks to challenge fellow Puerto Rican Juan LaPorte for the WBC featherweight title in a big money fight ... Overall record: 39-1-1, 39 knockouts.

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE

BORN ON JANUARY 30, 1959 ... HEIGHT: 5' 5" ... Managed by Lou Duva ... Trained by George Benton ... Won 210 out of 218 amateur fights ... Hoped to compete in the 1976 Olympics, but monetary needs forced Rocky to work at nightclubs with his band ... Plays drums and sings ... Is artful at dodging, blocking and slipping punches ... Fought his first two pro fights in native state of Washington before moving to Paterson, New Jersey ... Won USBA title on February 19, 1980 with a seventh round knockout of Fel Clemente ... Took 16-0 record into title fight against Eusebio Pedroza on October 4, 1980 ... The first half of the fight belonged to Lockridge, the last half to Pedroza, who held onto his title ... Won four straight afterward and met Juan LaPorte on August 22, 1981 in Las Vegas ... Rocky was caught with a tremendous right in the second round and was knocked out ... Nearly three months later, looked lethargic in his

comeback fight against Refugio Rojas, which Rocky won on a close 10-round decision ... After decisioning Tony Tris in December, Lockridge knocked out all seven of his opponents in 1982 ...



Faced Pedroza again for the title this year on April 24th, and dropped a close 15-round decision ... In his most recent fight, he knocked out Chino Cruz in the first round ... Overall record: 30-3, 25 knockouts.

JOSE CABA

BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 1958 ... early record unknown, started pro career in Dominican Republic in 1976 ... Handled by Jimmy Montoya, who considers Caba one of the best he's ever worked with ... A good boxer, but somewhat loose on defense ... Can be hit but hits hard himself, especially with the right ... Hurt Danny "Little Red" Lopez in opening moments of featherweight title bout, September 25, 1979 in Los Angeles ... Didn't follow up and got KO'd in the third ... Hasn't lost since ... Only other loss came in 1978 on points to Noel Arriesgado ... Fought only five times from 1979-1981 ... Got back into the grove in 1982, starting with knockout wins over Pedro Martinez and Roland Avila ... Was supposed to be stepping stone for fast rising amateur sensation Jackie Beard on national TV on May 1st ... Decked Beard in the second round and went on to score a unanimous decision ... Closed out 1982 with decision wins over Jorge (Rocky) Garcia and Rosendo Ramirez ... Fought only once in 1983, stopping Jorge Valdez in six on June 30th ... Was supposed to challenge WBA champ Eusebio Pedroza in August but bout has been postponed ... Record starting with 1978: 22-2, 16 knockouts.

AZUMAH NELSON

BORN: JULY 19, 1958, IN ACCRA, GHANA ... Height: 5′ 5″ ... Reach: 68″ ... Nickname: "The Terrible Terror" ...

Amateur record: 50-2 ... Won three gold medals in international competition ... Trained by Floyd Robertson ... First recorded pro fight was a 10-round decision over Billy Kwame on December 1, 1979 ... Won Ghanian featherweight title in 1980 with a ninth round knockout over Henry Saddler ... Won the African featherweight title that same year with a 10th round KO of Joe Skipper on December 13th ... Won the vacant Commonwealth featherweight title on September 26, 1981, stopping Brian Roberts in five ... Had a big year in 1982 despite losing to the late Salvador Sanchez for the WBC title ... On July 21 in Madison Square Garden, came in as a virtual unknown against Sanchez ... Gave Sanchez one of the toughest fights of his career before the before the bout was stopped in the 15th ... Many experts quickly noted that Nelson was one of the top featherweights around ... In his next fight on October 31, he took on previously unbeaten Irving Mitchell and promptly stopped him in five ... Has remained pretty inactive since ... His only fight in 1983 was a 10-round decision over Ricky Wallace in Cleveland on February 11 ... Overall record: 15-1, 11 knockouts.

RUBEN CASTILLO

BORN: DECEMBER 19, 1957 ... OUTSTANDing boxer, solid chin ... Bakersfield, California resident turned pro in January 1975 at age 17 ... Has been the most active contender in any division ... Won 14 fights in first year, nine in second, staying undefeated ... Was part of U.S. Championship tourney in 1977 and won two fights before scandal aborted competition ... Fought "only" six times in 1978, but did double that in

1979 ... Carried amazing 48-0 record into ring when he challenged Alexis Arguello for WBC junior lightweight title on January 20, 1980 ... Put up gallant effort but didn't have strength to hold off champ, who stopped him in the 11th ... Put up even better effort in featherweight title fight that April but champion Salvador Sanchez turned it on in the last round and took unanimous decision ... Title fight losses took a lot out of him ... After drawing with Austriberto Perez to kick off 1982, fought only two more times, stopping both challengers ... Got his third shot at the title this year on February 20th against WBC champ Juan LaPorte ... Controlled the first six rounds but then faded ... Was given a standing eight-count in the 10th and was knocked down once in each of the final two rounds ... At press time, was scheduled to meet Oscar Bejines in mid-August ... Overall record: 58-4-2, 31 knockouts.

JOHNNY DE LA ROSA

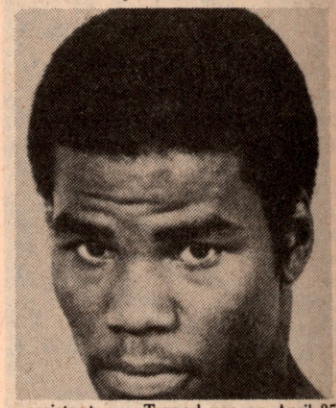
ORIGINALLY FROM THE DOMINICAN Republic, now resides in Miami, Florida ... First recorded fight is a 10-round decision over Frankie Benitez on March 17, 1980 ... Won all five fights in 1981, four of them by knockout ... Fought all nine of his 1982 fights in Miami Beach, winning them all ... Seven of those wins were by knockout ... Went the 10-round route only twice in 1982, outpointing Hector Cortes and Ricky Wallace ... Carried his unbeaten record into the ring against WBC champion Juan LaPorte on June 25, 1983 in San Juan ... Almost pulled off the upset of the year ... In the first half of the fight, De La Rosa was a very slippery opponent and constantly stung LaPorte with hooks and straight right hands ... In the eighth round, LaPorte had no offense at all and it looked like a new champion would be crowned ... But LaPorte came on, cutting his opponent's left eyebrow in the 10th and mounting a serious body attack ... However, De La Rosa was penalized a point in the sixth round and it may have cost him the title as one judge had it 115-114 for LaPorte ... He could be the surprise of the division ... Record since 1980: 17-1, 12 knockouts.

MARCOS VILLASANA

TURNED PRO IN 1978 ... IS THE MEXICAN featherweight titleholder ... Began knocking out opponents from the start ... Halted five of his first six adversaries ... Only Victor Banos was able to hold him to a 10-round draw ... Lost back-to-back fights in 1979 ... One was on a cut eye to Artemio Ramirez, the other on a close decision to Ambrosio Luna ... Came back stronger than ever ... Won four fights in 1980, three by knockout ... In 1981, avenged his stoppage loss to Ramirez, halting him in the first round on January 31st ... Won three more fights in 1981, including a fourth-round stoppage over tough Mexican Cenobio Nicolas ... After successfully defending his Mexican title on March 19, 1982 with an eighth-round KO over Juan Pareda, was on the verge of beating hot Colombian contender Mario Miranda ... Then, Villasana suffered a cut eye ... The fight, which took place in Colombia, was halted rather quickly ... Villasana is a swarming, durable fighter who can give any featherweight trouble ... Has two wins in 1983 ... Outpointed Gerald Hayes on February 26th in San Antonio and stopped Justo Garcia in five on July 11th ... Overall record: 18-3-1, 14 knockouts ...

JACKIE BEARD

BORN: SEPTEMBER 10, 1961, IN JACKSON, Tennessee ... Height: 5′ 5″ ... One of seven children, began winning amateur boxing awards when he was 14 ... Amateur record: 116-8 ... Won 17 of 19 international bouts ... Was a Pan Am gold medalist in 1979 and a gold medalist against Cuba in 1980 ... Was first boxer in the 119-pound weight class to win three AAU national titles in a row in the same weight class ... 1980 Olympic trials gold medalist ... Had choice between Emanuel Steward's Kronk Gym and Bob Arum's "Tomorrow's Champion" and chose Kronk ... His amateur coach, Rayford Collins, still remains his personal co-ordinator and



assistant ... Turned pro on April 25, 1981 and knocked out Reyes Polanda in two ... Went the eight-round distance in just his fourth fight against Robert Anderson ... Closed out 1981 with a 9-0 record ... Won his first four fights in 1982 and then faced veteran Jose Caba on national TV ... Beard was decked in the second and given a boxing lesson by Caba ... Now admits that the loss was the best thing that ever happened to him ... Came right back a month and a half later to knock out Nicky Perez and capture the NABF title ... Finished 1982 with KO wins over Joey Mays and Ruben Moreno ... Opened 1983 with a 10-round decision over Bernabe Montanez in Puerto Rico ... Outpointed Victor Flores in his next fight two months later ... In his most recent outing, he defended his NABF title against Margarito Marquez and won a unanimous 12-round decision ... Overall record: 19-1, 13 knockouts.

BERNARD TAYLOR

BORN: JUNE 26, 1957, IN CHARLOTTE, North Carolina ... Now resides in Knoxville, Tennessee ... Height: 5′ 7″ ... Managed by Ace Miller ... Outstanding amateur career ... A four-time National Golden Gloves featherweight champion and the featherweight gold medalist at the 1979 Pan Am

games ... 1980 U.S. Olympic trials gold medalist ... Was part of the now defunct "Tomorrow's Champion's" ... Turned pro on October 1, 1980, in Morristown and captured a six-round decision over Tony Rutledge ... Had a big year in 1981, winning all 10 of his fights, six by knockout ... Was decked in the first round against Marcial Santiago on May 1st but came back to stop him in the eighth ... Returned to his hometown on October 16, 1982, to challenge Eusebio Pedroza for the WBA title ... Fought the perfect fight against the veteran champion, moving constantly and never allowing Pedroza to get off ... Only problem was that Taylor forgot to use any offense himself ... His cautiousness cost him the title as it was ruled a boring draw ... Was right back in the ring two months later and decisioned James Martinez ... Has been criticized for lack of punching power but kayoed his first three opponents—Robert Mullins, Roosevelt Rico and Ray Garza—in 1983, all within three rounds ... In his most recent outing, he decisioned Luis Gonzalez on July 12th ... Overall record: 23-0-1, 13 knockouts.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

JAIME GARZA

BORN SEPTEMBER 10, 1959, IN CALIFORNIA ... Grew up in Texas ... One of 13 children ... Amateur record: 28-3 ... A whirlwind fighter inside the ring, shy and reserved outside ... Hobbies: Tennis and handball ... Favorite music: Country Western ... Has dreams of one day being a singer ... Managed by Benny Georgino ... Turned professional in 1978 ... Fought four times that year, winning all four by knockout, three of them inside one round ... Made it six consecutive knockouts with a January 11 blowout of Delfino Cornejo, and a fourth-round stoppage of Jose Villegas one week later ... The longest layoff of his career followed—seven months—due to Garza traveling back and forth between Texas and California, trying to decide where he should live ... When he finally got back into action, was a bit rusty, and could only decision Jose Villegas over four rounds, the same Villegas he had stopped seven months earlier ... Fought four more times that year, stopping each opponent inside three rounds ... Kayoed his first five opponents in 1980, before being taken the 10-round limit to a decision on May 13 by Luis Avila ... Garza flattened his remining six opponents that year ... In 1981, 10 men faced Garza, and 10 men were knocked out ... Only one of them made it as far as the fourth round ... A 10th round stoppage of former contender Carlos Mendoza and a fifth-round stoppage of contender Carmelo Negron—both in 1982, shot Garza to the top of the junior featherweight ratings ... The Negron fight was seen on CBS ... Ended 1982 with a first-round knockout, and started 1983 the same way, giving him 13 first-round knockouts ... Was scheduled to face Mike Ayala in early 1983, but an injury to his Achilles' tendon cancelled the bout ... On June 15, faced Bobby Berna of the Philippines for Wilfredo Gomez' vacated WBC crown ... Down in the first round, Garza stormed back to stop Berna in round two ... Terrific puncher with both hands ... His fights last an average of 2.79 rounds ... Has been on the floor on several occasions, but, as did his idol, Danny Lopez, he comes back to stop his opponent ... Has the highest knockout percentage of any champion (.947) ... Overall record: 38-0, 36 knockouts.

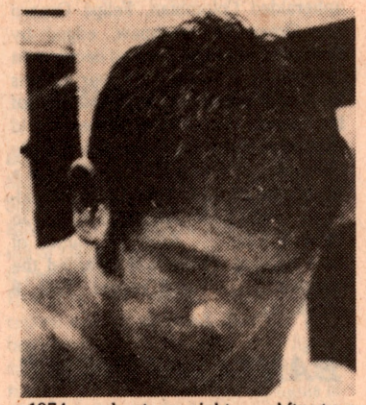
LEO CRUZ

BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON Jan. 17, 1953 ... Fine boxer with excellent stamina ... Respectable power, though far from being the hardest hitter in the division ... Began career in 1972 ... Had fantastic year in 1973 when he went 12-0-1 ... Lost first fight on disputed decision to Francisco Cruz in 1974 ... Handed second defeat later that year when stopped on a cut by Livio Nolasco ... Beat Francisco Cruz in a rematch in mid-1975 and decisioned Idelfonso Bethelmi in December of that year ... Lost twice in 1977, once on a cut to talented Reynaldo Hidalgo, the other on a decision to Aurelio Birriel in Puerto Rico ... Beat Lupe Pintor by decision in April 1978 and got a shot at the WBC super bantamweight crown held by Wilfredo Gomez ... Gomez stopped him in the 13th round ... Won

next six fights and was given a shot at Sergio Palma and the WBA junior featherweight crown ... Lost a one-sided decision ... Just when he seemed on his way down, he got another shot against Palma on June 12, 1982 ... Went toe to toe with Palma for 15 rounds but clearly took the fight and the title ... On November 13, retained his title with an eighth-round KO of Benito Badilla in San Juan ... Received $100,000 for defending his title against Soon-Hyun Chung in San Juan last March 16 ... Retained the crown via unanimous decision ... Overall record: 40-5, 20 knockouts.

MIKE AYALA

BORN JANUARY 10, 1958, IN SAN Antonio, Texas ... As an amateur, won the National Golden Gloves as a flyweight in 1973 and as a bantamweight in 1975 ... Also won the National AAU's in



1974 as a bantamweight ... After turning pro at 17½, kayoed his first six opponents ... Was unbeaten in 14 pro bouts when he stepped into the ring in poor condition against Rodolfo Martinez in May, 1977 ... Martinez halted him in round seven ... Won eight consecutive fights over the next two years, earning himself a shot at Danny Lopez' featherweight crown on June 17, 1979 ... In RING's "Fight of the Year," Lopez stopped Ayala in the 15th round ... Left his father, Tony Sr., who managed and trained him, after the Lopez fight, to sign with Dennis Rappaport ... Began training under the tutelage of Victor Valle in New York, who changed his style from counter-puncher/mauler to elusive stylist ... The change didn't work ... Ayala won all four of his fights while with Valle, but won all by decision ... The old fire seemed to be gone ... Switched from Valle back to Papa Ayala in May, 1981 ... Looked sharper as he outpointed Sergio Castro on May 26 ... On August 4, he halted Angel Lira in the eighth round ... Less than three weeks later, was back in the ring, decisioning Jose Resendez over 10 rounds ... During the contest, Ayala looked weak ... It was later discovered he fought with hepatitis ... After a long rest, he worked himself back into shape ... Sixteen months after beating Resendez, Ayala returned to action, stopping Tony Rocha in the third round ... That was on December 14, 1982 ... Ayala has fought twice in 1983, stopping veteran Javier Flores and outpointing slick New Yorker, Kenny Mitchell ... Once again lives and trains in New York City, where he has been since his recovery from hepatitis ... Overall record: 32-2, 15 knockouts.

FELIPE OROZCO

BORN OUTSIDE OF BARRANQUILLA, COLombia ... Southpaw ... Uses both hands well ... His left cross is his big punch, but likes throwing combinations, rather than looking for a single, fight-ending shot ... After a short but brilliant amateur career, turned professional in June, 1980 ... Won five bouts that first year, three by knockout ... Moved into the 10-round class in 1981, winning all six of his fights, four by 10-round decision ... In 1982, developed into a world-class fighter with stoppages of veterans Jacinto Fuentes (KO 3) and Carlos Mendoza (KO 7), and a decision over Mexico's Juan Antonio Lopez ... Overall record: 15-0, 8 knockouts.

JUAN (KID) MEZA

BORN MARCH 16, 1957, IN MEXICALI, Mexico ... One of seven sons ... Managed by Jimmy Montoya ... Good boxer ... Better puncher ... Solid chin ... Can fight at either 122 or 126 pounds ... Amateur record: 31-6 ... Began career in 1972 ... Lost three of eight fights that year, all on decision ... Went 30-2 from 1978 through 1981 ... Should have lost in May, 1980, to James Martinez on ESPN, but was gifted with the decision ... In his next bout, gave perhaps his best performance on the undercard to Salvador Sanchez vs. Wilfredo Gomez ... In that one, he stopped Carlos Mendoza in the 10th

round ... Faced Wilfredo Gomez for the World Junior Featherweight Title on March 27, 1982 ... Gomez stopped him in round six ... Continues to stay active and winning ... Overall record: 37-6, 29 knockouts.

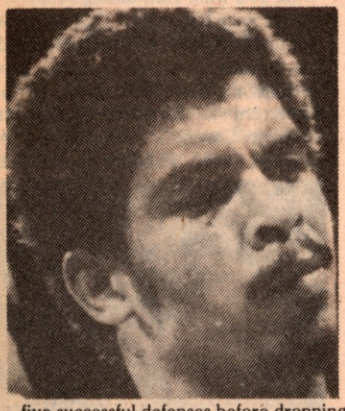
BERNARDO CHECA

BORN IN PANAMA CITY, PANAMA ... A smooth boxer with fast hands, Checa will not knock an opponent out with single shots ... Turned professional in 1980 after a short amateur career ... Originally, began boxing out of curiosity, after a friend took up the sport ... On December 13, 1980, won his first professional fight, stopping countryman Eugenio Medrano in the opening round ... The following year, fought seven times ... Won six of the bouts and drew over six rounds in the other—against Christopher Moreno ... Was rematched against Moreno last January, and dazzled him with boxing moves and speed before stopping him in the eighth round ... Less than two months later, drew over 10 rounds with countryman Maximo Ballesteros ...

Was surprised by Jairo Anton on April 17, 1982, being stopped in the first round for the FECARBOX Junior Featherweight Title ... Has come back strong to push his way into the top 10 of the junior featherweight division ... Unofficial reports have his record now at 12-1-2.

JORGE LUJAN

BORN IN COLON, PANAMA, ON MARCH 18, 1955 ... An excellent boxer and master counterpuncher ... Turned pro in mid-1973 ... In his sixth fight, halted world-class Socrates Batoto in the fourth round ... Lost his first fight on May 14, 1977, against Gilbert Illueca, in a close, 10-round decision ... Two fights later, he ventured to Bogota, Colombia, where Jose Cervantes outpointed him ... That loss "earned" him a title shot against WBA bantamweight boss Alfonso Zamora ... Lujan stifled the laughs by brilliantly outboxing and outpunching Zamora, stopping him in round 10 to win the crown ... Made



five successful defenses before dropping a 15-round decision to Julian Solis in August, 1980 ... Looked sluggish losing to Jeff Chandler on January 31, 1981, in an attempt to win Chandler's bantamweight crown ... Looked even more sluggish on August 15 that year, dropping a 10-round decision to veteran Mexican Roberto Rubaldino ... With logic only the WBA can figure out, Lujan, coming off three consecutive losses, was given a shot at Sergio Palma's WBA junior featherweight title on January 15, 1982 ... After 15 rounds, Lujan had lost his fourth consecutive fight ... That number became five in a row when Lujan was decisioned over 10 rounds by Lupe Pintor on September 23 ... Since then, has reversed his negative approach to boxing ... With his new-round positive attitude, Lujan has won four consecutive fights at 122 pounds, including a 1983 defeat of Sergio Palma ... Overall record: 26-7, 15 knockouts.

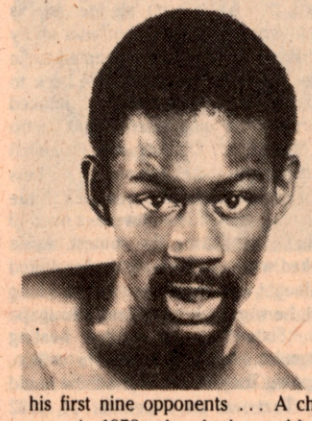
FELIX RODRIGUEZ

BORN IN COLON, PANAMA ... STILL LIVES in Colon ... Turned professional in 1979 after a short amateur career ... Made his pro debut on April 29, 1979, with a four-round decision ... Three weeks later, was back in the same ring, winning another four-round decision ... Fought four more times in 1979, winning all four, two by knockout ... Went from fighting four-rounders to sixes then eights, all in the span of seven months that initial year ... Began 1980 with a fourth-round stoppage in Colon on January 2 ... Fought his first nine fights (six in 1980, three in 1981) in the same ring in Colon ... In his first test—and first fight out of Colon—Rodriguez stopped talented countryman Mauricio Bultrago in the fifth round on March 29, 1980 ... Added five more victories to his record in 1980 ... Included were wins over two talented fighters, Cristobal Ramos (W 10) and Maximo Ballesteros (KO 8) ... After moving his record to 17-0 with two victories in 1981, faced the then unheralded Colombian, Felipe Orozco ... Orozco, a southpaw, edged by Rodriguez to win a 10-round decision on October 24 ... Less than four months later, Rodriguez won the biggest fight of his career, outpointing former world champion junior featherweight Ricardo Cardona ... Took a 20-1 record into a November 20, 1982 fight against world-rated countryman Bernardo Checa in Panama City ... After 10 rounds of hard fighting, Checa was awarded the decision ... Overall record: 20-2, 8 knockouts.

BANTAMWEIGHT

JEFF CHANDLER

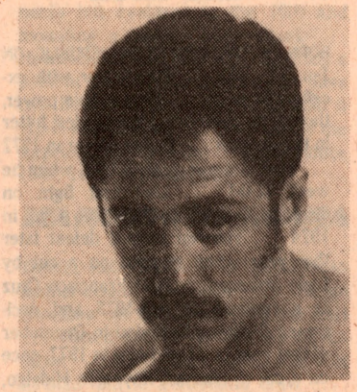
BORN: SEPTEMBER 3, 1956 IN PHILADelphia ... At 5′ 7″, extremely tall for a bantamweight ... His 70-inch reach is also phenomenal for a bantam ... Managed by "KO" Becky O'Neill, a one-time vaudevillian, who stands just 4′ 8″ ... America's first bantamweight champ since 1959 ... Began boxing at the Passyunk Gym outside Philadelphia in 1975 ... Turned pro in 1976 after just two amateur fights and was held to a four-round draw against Mike Dowling ... Knew nothing about leverage in his early fights ... Strictly an arm puncher then, he stopped only one of



his first nine opponents ... A change came in 1978, when he learned how to put his body into a punch ... Three successive knockouts resulted ... Won the vacant USBA bantamweight crown in 1979 and the vacant NABF title in 1980 ... Carried a 23-0-1 record into the ring against world champion Julian Solis on November 14, 1980 ... Won the title on a 14th round stoppage in Miami Beach ... It was Chandler's third successive knockout and seventh in his last eight fights ... Defended the title four times in 1981 with a draw against Eijiro Murata, a decision over Jorge Lujan, an impressive stoppage of Julian Solis and a brilliant knockout of Murata in a rematch ... Defended only twice in 1982, stopping Johnny Carter and Miguel Iriarte ... Began experiencing trouble making the 118-pound limit ... Has defended his title only once this year ... On March 13th, he fought a gruelling fight with Gaby Canizales with Chandler getting the 15-round nod ... Decided to try his luck as a junior featherweight ... On May 22, he decked Hector Cortez three times and earned an easy 10-round decision ... Then on July 23rd, he faced unranked Oscar Muniz and lost for the first time in his career on a decision ... Chandler's clowning and taunting, which has irked many of his followers, finally caught up with him ... Instead of fighting in the crucial 10th round, Chandler seemed content to stick his tongue out at Muniz and lost by a point on all three judge's scorecards ... Is scheduled to face Murata again on September 11th ... Overall record: 31-1-2, 16 knockouts.

ALBERT DAVILA

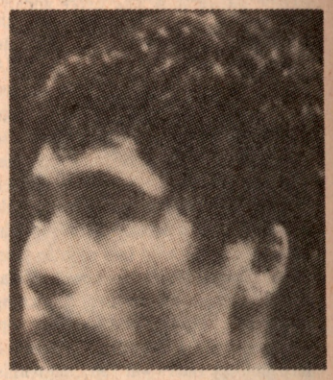
BORN ON AUGUST 10, 1954, IN OLTON,



Texas ... For years had mistakenly been called "Alberto" by sportswriters ... Manager: Bennie Georgino ... Excellent boxer ... Solid chin ... Unquestionable stamina ... His problem lies in the fact he lacks a big wallop ... In his December 19, 1980 loss to champion Lupe Pintor on points, he had Pintor hurt several times late in the fight ... Had he owned a big punch, he probably would have won the title that day ... Turned pro in 1973 ... Statistically, had his best year then, winning all nine of his fights ... His last four losses have been to Lupe Pintor for the WBC title, Jorge Lujan for the world title (September, 1978), Carlos Zarate (February, 1978) and Wilfredo Gomez (July, 1976) ... After dropping the close decision to Pintor in December, 1980, Davila took one year off ... He returned to action in January, 1982, halting Enrique Castro in the 10th and final round ... Two months later, outpointed trialhorse Javier Flores over 10 rounds ... Followed that with a decision over Franco Torregoza and a second-round knockout of Chul Hwan Seul ... In 1983, Davila has stopped Artemio Ruiz in Los Angeles ... At press time was scheduled to face Kiko Bejines for Lupe Pintor's vacated WBC bantamweight crown ... Overall record: 46-7-1, 21 knockouts.

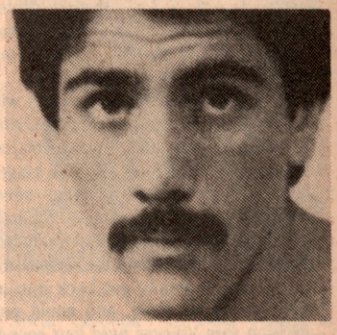
JIRO WATANABE

BORN ON MARCH 16, 1955, IN OSAKA, Japan ... Height: 5′ 5″ ... Managed by Kiyoshi Yoshii ... Turned pro on March 27, 1979, knocking out Keizo Miyazaki in three rounds ... Tireless



southpaw who gets stronger as a fight goes on ... Fought Chul-Ho Kim for the WBC super flyweight title in his 11th fight ... Lost to the talented Kim by decision on April 22, 1981 ... Finished the year by adding four victories to his record, three by knockout ... On April 8, 1982, faced WBA junior bantamweight king Rafael Pedroza in Osaka ... In an exciting, but one-sided fight, Watanabe beat Pedroza by decision ... One of the scoring officials gave Watanabe every round ... The victory made him Japan's 21st world champion ... On July 29th, stopped Argentina's Gustavo Ballas in the ninth round of what had been a thrilling contest in Osaka ... Ballas, who had lost only one of 59 previous fights, took a straight left to the chin early in the round ... He staggered into the ropes, with Watanabe all over him ... Watanabe threw punches incessantly ... Finally, Ballas shook his head, indicating he had had enough ... Closed out the year with a 12th-round kayo of Shoji Oguma in November ... Defended twice in 1983, stopping both Louis Ibanez and Roberto Ramirez ... Watanabe is a graduate of Japan's Ottemon University ... He is an expert in Kempo, a form of karate ... Overall record: 19-1, 14 knockouts.

OSCAR MUNIZ



BORN: JUNE 7, 1959 ... RESIDES IN PICO Rivera, California ... Nicknamed "The Boxer" ... Managed by Bennie Georgino ... Turned professional on August 6, 1976 ... Dropped a decision

to Richard Rozelle in his third fight ... Fought at least seven times in each of the next four years as he learned his trade and improved with each outing ... In addition to the Rozelle fight, he has lost two other times ... He dropped a 10-round decision to Leo Randolph on October 27, 1979 and Ruben Solario on June 21, 1980 ... On December 11, 1980, he decisioned local rival Kiko Bejines in Los Angeles ... In 1981, decisioned tough Freddie Jackson over 12 rounds on February 17th to win the NABF bantamweight title ... Knocked out his other three opponents in 1981 ... Fought only twice in 1982, knocking out Jose Coronado and Martin Cardenas ... 1983 has been a big year ... On March 8th, he stopped Sergio Perez in one ... On June 11, he reversed the decision against Solario ... Then on July 23rd, he shocked the boxing world by scoring a unanimous decision over WBA bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler in a 10-round non-title bout seen on national television ... Was not impressed with Chandler's taunting and took it to the champ the entire fight, pounding him with body shots and hooks to the head despite a bad cut over his left eye which bled heavily from the second round on ... Can fight at any weight from 118 to 122 pounds and be fast, strong and effective ... Overall record: 36-3-3, 22 knockouts.

RAFAEL ORONO

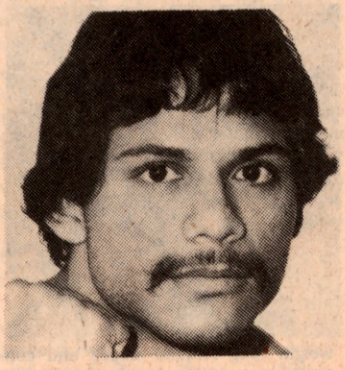
BORN ON AUGUST 30, 1958, IN SUCRE, Venezuela ... Height: 5′ 8″ ... Had long amateur career ... Managed by Rafito Cedeno ... Turned pro in February, 1979, scoring four-round win over Victor Idrogo in Caracas ... Likes to stay active ... Won five fights that first years before taking on and beating Edgar Roman in September for the Venezuelan bantamweight championship ... Closed his rookie year with three more victories before being picked to compete for the championship in the WBC's newly-created super flyweight division ... An excellent boxer with very fast hands, he defeated Korean Seung-Hoon Lee for the title, but injured both hands in the process ... Fighting with those sore hands two months later in his first defense, decisioned Ramon Soria in Caracas ... Three months later, in his second defense, drew with Willie Jensen, again in Caracas ... Wrapped up 1980 with his third defense, stopping Jovito Rengifo in round three ... Orono was now 13-0-1 ... On January 24, 1981, appeared to be on his way to another successful defense, this one against Korea's Chul-Ho Kim ... Way ahead for the first eight rounds, referee Zach Clayton counted Orono out at 2:16 of the ninth round ... Fought seven more times in 1981, winning each time, five by knockout ... After five more victories in 1982, bringing his record to 25-1-1, Orono was given a rematch against Chul-Ho Kim ... On November 28, 1982, Orono regained the title, stopping Kim in round six ... Overall record: 26-1-1, 14 knockouts.

EDGAR ROMAN

BORN IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA ... turned pro on December 11, 1977, with a four-round draw ... Went to 0-1-1 three months later, dropping a four-round decision to Jesus Cana in Caracas ... Won four of his remaining five fights in 1978, losing over 10 rounds to Wilfredo Padron ... His next loss came on September 15, 1979, when he lost to ultra-talented countryman Rafael Orono, who would become super flyweight champion in 198 ... With Orono's 12-round decision went the Venezuelan Bantamweight Title ... Five months later, suffered a cut eye stoppage in round 11 against future bantamweight king Julian Solis ... The fight was for the Latin American and Caribbean Bantamweight Titles ... Won his next 14 fights, including a revenge defeat of Wilfredo Padron, as well as 10 consecutive knockouts ... Has his win streak snapped when Tito Roque outpointed him over 10 rounds in October, 1981 ... Avenged that defeat three months later, decisioning Roque over 10 rounds ... Won four of his five bouts in 1982, looking unlucky in defeat against Jesus Flores over 10 rounds in June ... Was highly impressive in an August knockout of Kiko Bejines and a November decision over Arnel Arrozal ... Overall record: 28-6-1, 22 knockouts.

JOSE (GABY) CANIZALES

BORN: MAY 1, 1960 ... HEIGHT: 5′ 4″ ... Managed by Dr. Luis Mendoza ... An amateur at 15, he won the first of two Texas regional Golden Gloves titles in 1979 when he defeated another hot prospect, Felix Castillo ... One year



later he won his second regional title, but lost in the state finals ... Amateur record: 46-2, 32 knockouts ... Now admits that he fought twice as a pro in Mexico in 1979 while he was still an amateur ... Won his first nine pro fights by knockout before dropping a 10-round decision to Mario Nava ... Six fights later, avenged the loss to Nava by reversing the decision ... Had a big year in 1982 ... Won the Texas bantamweight title on March 10th with a 12-round decision over Juan Castellanos ... Three fights later, as a late substitution, stopped Diego Rosario in five rounds to win the vacant USBA title ... Won all nine fights in 1982 ... On March 13th of this year, challenged Jeff Chandler for the WBA bantamweight title on national TV ... An inadvertent thumb to Canizales' left eye in the third round left him with blurred vision for the rest of the fight ... His "busy" style of fighting frustrated Chandler at times and in the 12th, he rocked the champion with a left hook ... Chandler won a unanimous 15-round decision but Gaby's impressive performance and exciting style could earn him some big paydays ... Overall record: 24-2, 19 knockouts.

ENRIQUE SANCHEZ

BORN ON OCTOBER 27, 1957, OUTSIDE Santo Domingo, D.R. ... Resides in Santo Domingo ... Although the 1983 RING RECORD BOOK lists the beginning of his pro career as 1977, most likely it began two or three years earlier ... However, no official, substantiated record can be obtained, thus the 1977 beginning ... In his three 1977 fights, kayoed each opponent inside four rounds ... Won all seven of his fights in 1978, moving his listed record to 10-0 ... Lost his first—and only—fight in 1979, when he was outpointed over 10 rounds by Andres Hernandez ... It was his only fight of the year ... The Hernandez fight took place on February 26, 1979 ... He didn't fight again until February 27, 1980, when he outscored Tony Trys over 10 rounds ... On July 25, 1980, he won the American & Caribbean Bantamweight Titles with an eighth-round stoppage of Julio Hernandez in Santo Domingo ... Followed with quick, impressive stoppages of tough Andres Torres and Enrique Brown ... Made his New York City debut a fine one on November 28, 1980, outpointing Angel Marrero over 10 rounds ... Fought three times in 1981, winning each one ... In his last bout, on March 16, 1983, stopped Terry Pizzarro in the fourth round ... Overall record: 19-1, 13 knockouts.

HAROLD PETTY

BORN IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ON OCTOBER 13, 1960 ... Was the ninth of 11 children ... Has eight sisters and two brothers ... Now resides in Ft. Worth, Texas ... Height: 5′ 5″ ... Nickname: "Little Man" ... Was an outstanding high school baseball player ... Amateur record: 71-11 ... Was a National AAU champion, as well as the 1980 Olympic Trials runnerup at 118 pounds ... Managed by: David Gorman ... Trained by: Joe Barrientes ... Turned professional in April, 1981, stopping his opponent in the opening round ... After winning a four-round decision over opponent number two, finished the year by stopping his next five opponents ... Took a 7-0 record into a January 28, 1982 fight against Richard Sandoval, who was then 10-0, including 10 knockouts ... The fight was seen on ESPN, and was won on a 10-round split-decision by Sandoval ... Was rematched against Sandoval on April 13, this time on CBS ... Once again, Sandoval captured a close 10-round decision ... "I just wasn't busy," said Petty afterwards. "From now on, I'm going to throw more punches, no matter who I have in front of me!" ... His new battle plan has worked, giving Petty 12 victories in as many fights ... Fought seven times in 1982 following the second defeat to Sandoval, and won six consecutive decisions ... Then came a crucial test on November 17 against Freddie Jackson on ESPN ... Nobody ever got to find out who the best man was, as Jackson was disqualified in round two for repeated low blows ... Has won five fights in 1983, the first four of the year by knockout ... Solid chin ... Heavy body puncher ... Always in prime condition ... Overall record: 19-2, 10 knockouts.

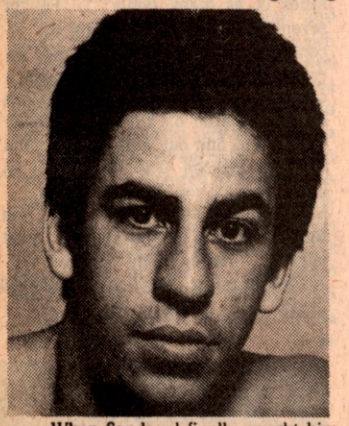
FREDDIE (THE PEBBLE) JACKSON

TURNED PRO IN 1978 ... WON THAT FIRST fight with a second-round knockout of Charles Spencer ... Added four more victories in 1978, three by way of knockout ... By the end of 1979, was 8-0 ... Unfortunately for Jackson, six of the victories were in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee ... He received little or no national exposure for the victories ... Began fighting out of Houston, Texas, in 1980 ... That year, won his first five fights ... In his sixth bout of the year, he drew over 10 rounds with veteran Mario Chavez ... After a January, 1981, decision against Humberto Rodriguez in Houston, Jackson was matched against world-rated Oscar Múniz for the NABF bantamweight crown ... Jackson lost on points over 12 rounds ... On May 2, 1981, took a fight on last-minute notice in Mexico City ... His lack of preparation and the high altitude—along with the ferocity of Jorge Ramirez' attack—led to Jackson being stopped in the second round ... Came back strong the remainder of the year with three victories ... Won his first three fights of 1982 before being disqualified in round two against Harold Petty for repeated low blows on November 17 ... Scored the biggest victory of his career last May 1 when he stopped former WBC flyweight king Antonio Avelar in the sixth round ... Overall record: 21-3-1, 15 knockouts.

RICHARD SANDOVAL

BORN AND RAISED IN POMONA, CALIFORnia ... younger brother of former bantamweight contender Alberto (Superfly) Sandoval ... Also called "Ricardo" and "Richie" ... Was hoping to represent the United States in the 1980 Olympics until President Carter's boycott of The Games due to the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan ... Turned professional in November, 1980, knocking out his opponent in round two ... By November, 1981, Sandoval was 10-0, all his wins coming by knockout ... On January 28, 1982, was matched against 7-0 Harold Petty on ESPN ... In a highly-interesting matchup, Sandoval was awarded a split-decision ... Four weeks later, Sandoval was back on ESPN, chasing an unwilling Ron Cisneros all around the Las Vegas ring



... When Sandoval finally caught him in round four, he stopped him ... The bout served as a good tuneup for an April 3 rematch against Harold Petty ... Shown on CBS, Sandoval once again won a close 10-round decision ... One month later, Sandoval was back in the ring, halting Miguel Flores in round two ... Was matched against talented young flyweight Ian Clyde on July 1, 1982, and was too strong for Clyde, winning a decision over 10 rounds ... Followed that victory with another solid win, this time over Hawaiian 115-pounder, Julio Rodriguez, via a decision ... After knocking out Jose Luis Garcia in the second round on September 9, was paired against shifty, talented Californian flyweight Alonso Gonzales ... Sandoval proved too strong and equally as shifty, winning the 10-round nod ... Two knockouts victories in 1983 upped his overall record to 20-0, 15 knockouts.

FLYWEIGHTS

CHARLIE MAGRI

BORN IN TUNISIA ON JULY 20, 1956 ... Represented Great Britain in the 1976 Olympics ... Won his first fight by beating the Ghanian representative ... In his second Olympic bout, was knocked out in the third round by Ian Clyde, a current world-class flyweight who is trained by Angelo Dundee ... Turned pro in October, 1977, winning three fights by knockout before the end of the year ... Won six more fights, (five by knockout) in 1978 ... After quick KO victories in January and February, 1979, Magri took his 11-0 record into a fight against European flyweight king Franco Udella, in a 12-round bout ... Magri showed he was more than a hard-punching flyweight as he outpointed the Italian for the European title ... Fought four more times that year, winning all four bouts by knockout ... Included was a successful defense of his title against Manuel Carrasco ... Five more victories in as many fights followed in 1980, including another kayo in defense of his EBU title ... After stopping Enrique Rodriguez in the second round on February 24, 1981, his third successful defense, Magri announced he was going to relinquish his British Flyweight Title, which he won in his third fight ... On June 20, 1981, flattened Jose Herrera in the first round ... Then, on October 13, suffered a shocking loss to veteran Mexican Juan Diaz, finding himself stopped in the sixth round ... Returned to action in March 1982, outpointing Cipriano Arreola over 10 rounds ... One month later, halted Ron Cisneros in the third round ... Magri was staying active, hoping for a major fight ... Two weeks after stopping Cisneros, Magri took on Mexico's Jose Torres, who stopped him in the ninth round ... Returned to action on September 18, retaining his EBU title with a KO 2 of Enrique Rodriguez ... On November 23, 1982, Magri fought the most important fight of his life—a rematch against the man who beat him six months earlier, Jose Torres ... Magri won a 10-round decision ... On March 15, 1983, found himself in a fight for the world flyweight

title against Eleoncio Mercedes of the Dominican Republic ... At 1:14 of the seventh round, with Mercedes bleeding profusely from a cut left eyebrow, Magri became champion ... Gives full credit to his manager, Terry Lawless, and to his wife, Jackie, for not giving up on him ... First British flyweight champion in 17 years ... The last was Walter McGowan ... Overall record: 29-2, 21 knockouts.

SANTOS LACIAR

BORN SANTOS BENIGNO LACIAR ON January 31, 1959, in Huinca Renanco, Cordoba, Argentina ... Turned pro in December, 1976, with a second-round knockout ... Since then, has been the busiest flyweight in the world ... In each of the next five years, he fought at least eight times ... Had his best year, statistically, in 1977, when he went undefeated in 13 outings ... Included that year were two draws ... Lost for the first time on December 1, 1978, dropping a 10-round decision to Ramon Soria, against whom he drew with eight months earlier ... A combination puncher with extremely fast hands, Laciar has little knockout power. ... He has fought 10 or more rounds 4 times ... Between May 25, 1979, and April 18, 1980, Laciar fought 10 consecutive fights which went the distance. ... Won the vacant Argentine flyweight title by decisioning Miguel Lazarte over

12 rounds, February 27, 1980 ... Added the South American Flyweight Title to his collection six months later by beating Jaime Miranda ... Faced Peter Mathebula for the WBA Flyweight Title on March 28, 1981 ... Won the crown with a seventh-round stoppage of Mathebula ... Lost the title nine weeks later on points to Luis Ibarra in Buenos Aires ... The decision—and title—were stolen from Laciar by WBA officials ... On May 1, 1982, regained the crown by halting defending champ Juan Herrera—who had whipped Ibarra in September, 1981 .

JUNG-KOO CHANG

BORN ON FEBRUARY 4, 1963 ... According to many authorities, among them Joe Y. Koizumi, RING's outstanding Oriental correspondent, Chang is "the best fighting machine to come out of Korea since the days of Ki-Soo Kim," the former junior middleweight champion who had a 35-2 career record ... In September, 1982, took an unbeaten record into a junior flyweight title fight against WBC champion Hilario Zapata ... After 15 rounds, Zapata was awarded a split-decision ... THE RING had it scored 146-145 for Chang ... It had been victories against the former Fly-

weight king Alfonso Lopez and contender Amado Ursua that earned him the title fight against Zapata ... The split-decision earned him a rematch ... On March 26, in Daejon, Korea, Chang stopped Zapata in 2:46 of the third round ... Weakened by having to take six tries to make the weight, Zapata was never in the fight against the fast, switch-hitting Chang ... After taking a battering in round three and sent reeling to the ropes, Zapata was given a standing eight-count by American referee Rudy Ortega. Immediately after reaching eight, Ortega ordered Zapata to box on. Zapata merely turned his back on the action and walked to his corner ... Following Chang's victory, the new champion received a congratulatory phone call from Doo-Hwan Chun, the President of Korea ... Although he earned only $10,000 for the title victory against Zapata, lots more money is certainly headed his way ... Backed by wealthy Korean businessman Ho-Yun Chun .

FREDDIE CASTILLO

BORN ON JUNE 5, 1955, IN YUCATAN, MEXico ... Managed by Jorge (Fito) Jimenez ... Turned pro at 16 against another 16-year-old—Guy Espadas, who would become WBA Flyweight champion in another five years ... Espadas stopped him in round four ... Won his next three fights before dropping a four-

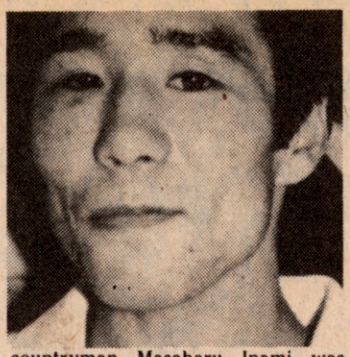
round decision to Romulo Cortes in January, 1972 ... Spent the next four years in club fights, mostly in and around Merida ... It wasn't until he beat young prospect Antonio Avelar (who would become WBC flyweight champion in 1981) on points in February, 1977, that the boxing world took notice of his vast talents ... Castillo followed that win with another outstanding victory, a 10-round decision against Juan Jose Guzman ... Fought seven times in 1977, winning all of them impressively ... On February 19, 1978, fought 36-year-old WBC junior flyweight champion, Luis Estaba, for the title in Caracas ... Stopped Estaba in the 14th round ... With little training, defended the title less than three months later against Thailand's Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh ... Lost the crown on a 15-round decision ... Returned that year with dual 10th round knockouts of Juan Alvarez and Antonio Avelar ... Lost his next three fights—two to Jose Gallegos and one to Hilario Zapata ... Lost two of five fights in 1980 ... Seemed to regain his old form in 1981, taking the vacant NABF flyweight title with an eighth-round knockout of Gabriel Bernal ... Beat Lupe Acosta in his first fight of 1982 ... In his next fight, on July 24, outpointed Prudencio Cardona over 15 rounds in Merida for the WBC Flyweight Title ... On November 6, lost the crown on decision to Eleoncio Mercedes ... Overall record: 41-14-4, 25 knockouts. Last May 18, drew over 10 rounds with Candido Tellez in Tijuana, Mexico .

ELEONCIO MERCEDES

BORN ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1957, IN La Romana, Dominican Republic ... Height: 5'5" ... A sharp boxer with exceptional hand speed, though little power ... Managed by Ricardo Maldonado ... Won a silver medal in the 1975 Pan Am Games ... Turned pro in 1978, winning a six-round decision against Daryl Jones ... Fought five fights that year on the west coast ... After a March 10, 1979 decision loss to Adelaido Galindo in Los Angeles, levelling his pro record at 3-3, moved his base of operation to Mexico ... It didn't help ... He lost his next two fights ... After a December 21, 1980, 10-round loss to Jose Gallegos, giving Mercedes three consecutive losses and five losses in six fights, he considered quitting the ring ... Then, things started to turn around ... He won two 10-round decisions in 1980, and looked unlucky to receive a draw in a November 1, 1980 bout against Jose Luis Cruz ... Looked just as unlucky in another draw—against Jorge De-Jesus—two months later ... On February 21, 1981, notched his biggest victory, stopping former world champion Guty Espadas in round nine ... After winning back-to-back 10-round decisions against tough Jorge Herrera, Mercedes was matched with rapidly progressing Mexican Candido Tellez in Mexico City ... Mercedes was disqualified in the second round for low blows ... Returned to action with a surprise first-round knockout of Juan Guzman on September 8th ... After a March 20, 1982, 10th round stoppage of Antonio Escobar, Mercedes was matched against Juan Diaz, who had stopped Charlie Magri eight months earlier ... Mercedes won a 12-round decision and a shot at Freddie Castillo's WBC flyweight crown ... On November 6th in Los Angeles, outpointed Castillo over 15 rounds for the title ... Faced Charlie Magri in a title defense on March 15, 1983 ... A cut left eyebrow made him an ex-champ at 1:14 of the seventh round .

KATSUO TOKASHIKI

BORN ON JULY 27, 1960, IN OKInawa, Japan ... Height: 5'2" ... Managed by Masaki Kanehira ... Turned pro on June 28, 1978 ... Easily decisioned his opponent over four rounds ... Fought seven times in 1979, all in four-rounders ... Won six of the fights by decision, drew in the other ... Fought in two six-rounders leading off 1980 ... Won the first by decision, then lost the other—to Chong-Chul Park—on points ... Moved into the eight-round class after the loss to Park ... Won his first eight-rounder on points ... Was so impressive in that fight that he made his next fight a 10-rounder ... Stopped his opponent in the ninth round ... After two 10-round decisions and a 10th-round knockout in 1981, was matched against Hwan-Jin Kim for the WBA junior flyweight title on December 16th ... Won the title with a one-sided, 15-round decision ... Made three successful title defenses in 1982 ... On April 4, decisioned Mexico's Lupe Madera over 15 rounds ... On July 7,



countryman Masaharu Inami was stopped in the eighth round in Tokyo ... Tokashiki had to travel the 15-round route on October 10, when he decisioned Korea's Sung-Nam Kim in Tokyo ... On January 9, 1983, retained his crown for the fourth time with a 15-round decision against Hwan-Jin Kim in a slugfest ... On April 10, was back in action, this time in a rematch against Lupe Madera ... The fight was declared a split-draw (one vote for Madera, one for Tokashiki, one a draw) after 15 rounds ... In July, faced Madera in a rubber match ... Tokashiki fell behind early, and when the fight had to be stopped after four rounds because of a deep forehead cut Madera suffered from an accidental butt, Tokashiki had lost his title ... Fights at a tremendously fast pace ... Quicker on his feet than most flyweights and junior flyweights ... Overall record: 18-2-2, three knockouts.

HILARIO ZAPATA

BORN ON AUGUST 19, 1958, OUTside Panama City in Panama ... Turned pro in 1977, and won both of his fights that year by knockout ... Height 5'6½", making him one of the world's tallest flyweights ... Southpaw ... Managed by Luis Spada ... Exactly one year after making his debut, the 6-0 Zapata faced 26-bout pro, the former WBA flyweight king and Fellow Panamanian, Alfonso Lopez . Lopez won a close decision ... Zapata came back with four consecutive victories in 1979, including a decision over former WBC junior flyweight champion Freddie Castillo ... Won the WBC junior flyweight title with a 15-round decision against Shigeo Nakajima in March 1980 ... Made four successful defenses of the crown that year, two of them in Caracas, one in Japan and one in Korea ... Added four more successful defenses to his record in 1981, fighting twice in Panama, once in San Francisco and once in Korat, Korea ... Underestimated hard-hitting Mexican Amado Ursua, and was stopped in round two in defense of his crown on February 6, 1982, in Panama City ... On July 20, 1982, in Kanazawa, Japan, Zapata regained the crown, outpointing Tomori over 15 ... Finished 1982 with two more successful defenses, narrowly outpointing Jung-Koo Chang in September, then stopping Tomori in round eight on November 30 ... On March 26, 1983, defended against Jung-Koo Chang, whom he outpointed six months earlier ... When Zapata arrived at the airport in Korea one week before the fight, he was nine pounds over the junior flyweight limit, due to the fact he had just spent 45 days in jail for beating his mother ... It took Zapata six tries to make the weight ... During the fight, he looked weak ... At 2:46 of the third round, Zapata was given a standing-eight count when he suddenly turned his back and walked back to his corner, signalling he had had enough ...

Received $110,000 for the defense, obviously the last time Zapata will ever be champ. Overall record: 22-3, nine knockouts.

PRUDENCIO CARDONA

BORN ON DECEMBER 22, 1951, IN SAN Basilio de Palenque, Colombia ... Older brother of former WBA junior featherweight king Ricardo Cardona ... Turned pro in November, 1973 ... Won his first seven fights before dropping an eight-round decision to Henry Diaz in Cartagena, September 29, 1974 ... It was the first time Cardona had fought outside of Barranquilla, Colombia ... After two more victories, lost another decision—in Cartagena. Returned with a major upset victory by stopping Reyes Arnal in the fifth round ... Upped his winning streak to six before suffering back-to-back losses to Nestor Jiminez and former flyweight king Betulio Gonzalez ... Had his biggest year in 1978 when he fought three times, beating Alfonso Lopez, Luis Ibarra and Jesus Ciacedo, all on decision ... Faced Ibarra in a rematch on February 17, 1979 ... Dropped a 10-round decision to Ibarra ... Lost on points three months later to Korea's Seung-Hoon Lee ... Four victories in 1980 (two by knockout) followed by three consecutive early knockout victories in 1981 gave him the opportunity to face world flyweight king Antonio Avelar on March 20, 1982 ... A right to the temple knocked out Avelar in the first round ... Lost the title on points in his first defense to Freddie Castillo .

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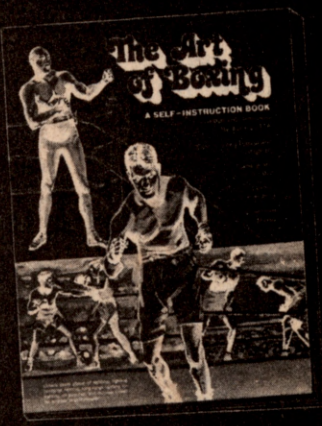

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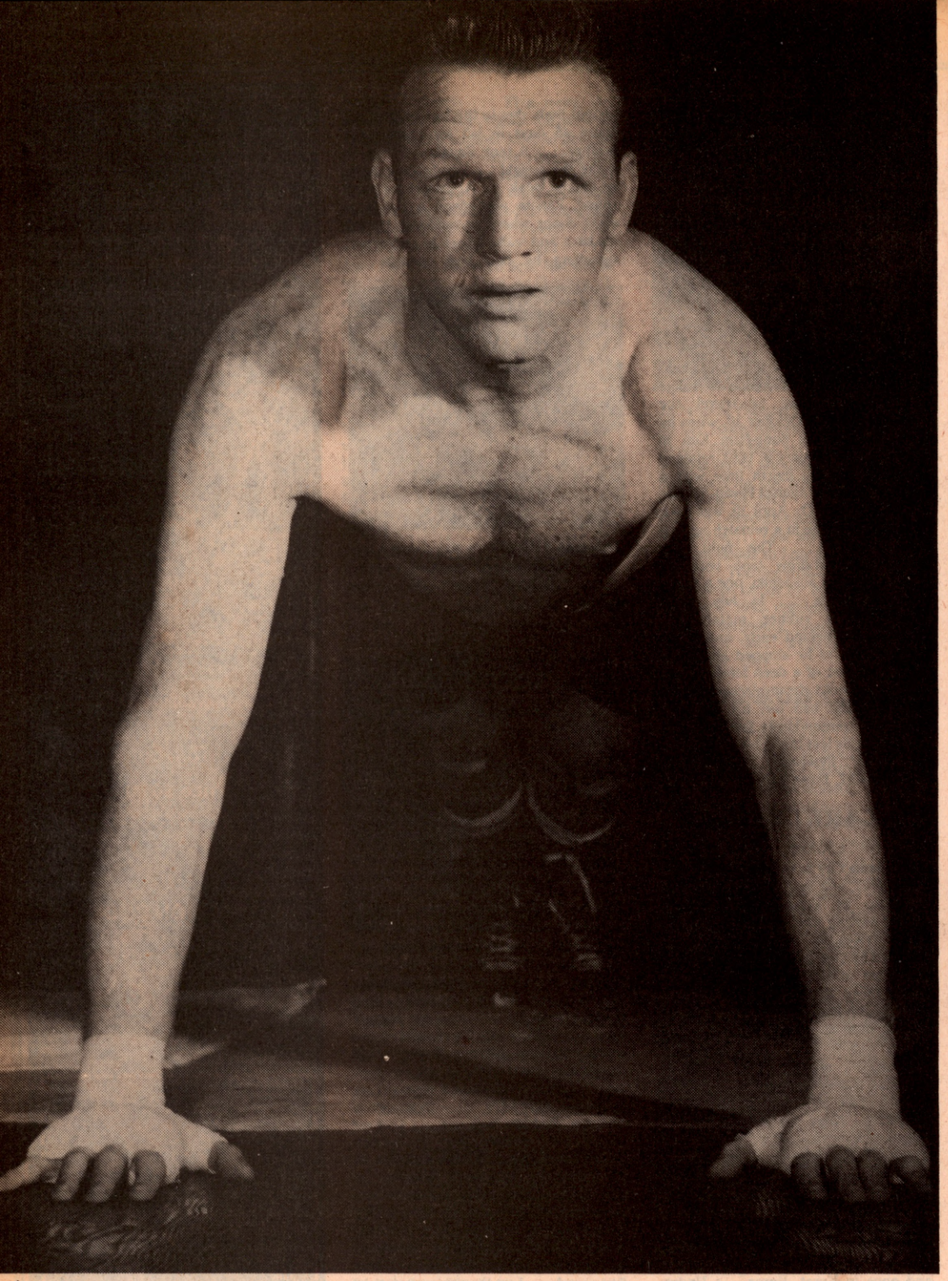

THE YOUNG FIGHTER: BILLY McNEECE

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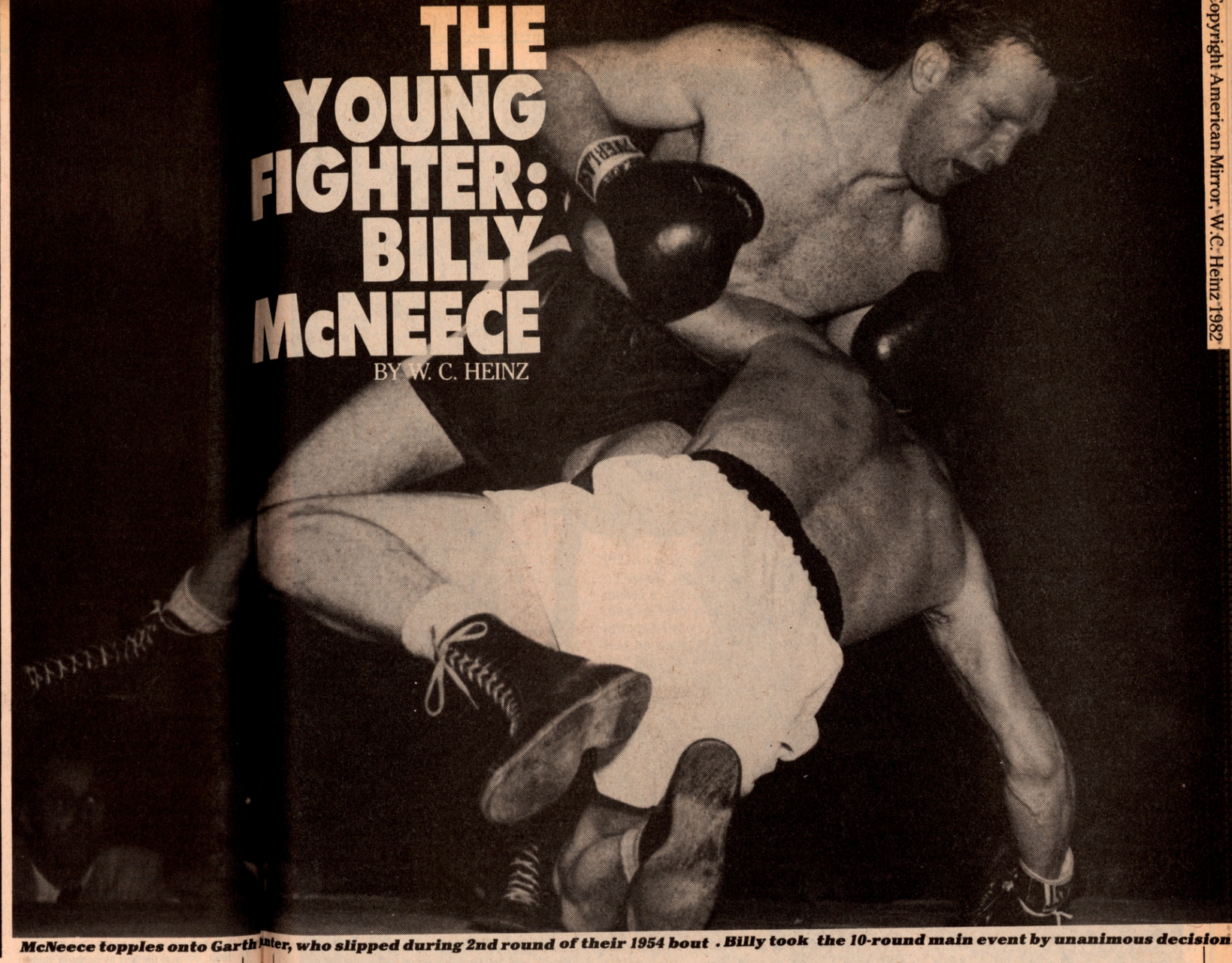

McNeece topples onto Garth Hunter, who slipped during 2nd round of their 1954 bout . Billy took the 10-round main event by unanimous decision

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IT WAS ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE FIGHT, and we were alone in the dressing room. It was warm in the room, and the fighter had stripped and then put on just his ring socks and shoes, and now he was lying on his back on the rubbing table with just a towel across his middle, staring up at the ceiling.

"You know something?" he said after a while.

His voice startled me. I had been sitting there listening to the sounds and the small talk of the preliminary fighters, and occasionally turning my head to watch them beyond the opening at the end of the black shower curtain with the pink flowers on it that hung between them and us.

"What?" I said.

"I feel different tonight," he said slowly, still looking up at the ceiling. "I don't know why, but I do."

"That's sometimes a good sign," I said. "You may fight your best fight."

It was his youth and his lack of experience talking. After he has fought a lot of fights he won't talk like that anymore.

"I don't know," he said. "I never felt like this before."

Why do they do it? In this country in 1954 there were about three thousand professional prizefighters. By the end of the year two of them had lost their lives in the ring, and only about two dozen had profited by as much as ten thousand dollars. The rest fought in the small clubs or populated the preliminaries in the bigger clubs, and Billy McNeece, now lying on his back in the small, musty dressing room at the Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, is one of these.

"Just before they go into the ring," I said, "most fighters feel tired."

I had been watching a preliminary boy named Andy Viserto beyond the curtain. He had been moving around with his robe on, shadowboxing and trying to loosen his shoulders, and while he had been doing this he had been yawning. He must have yawned five or six times in the thirty seconds or so that I watched him.

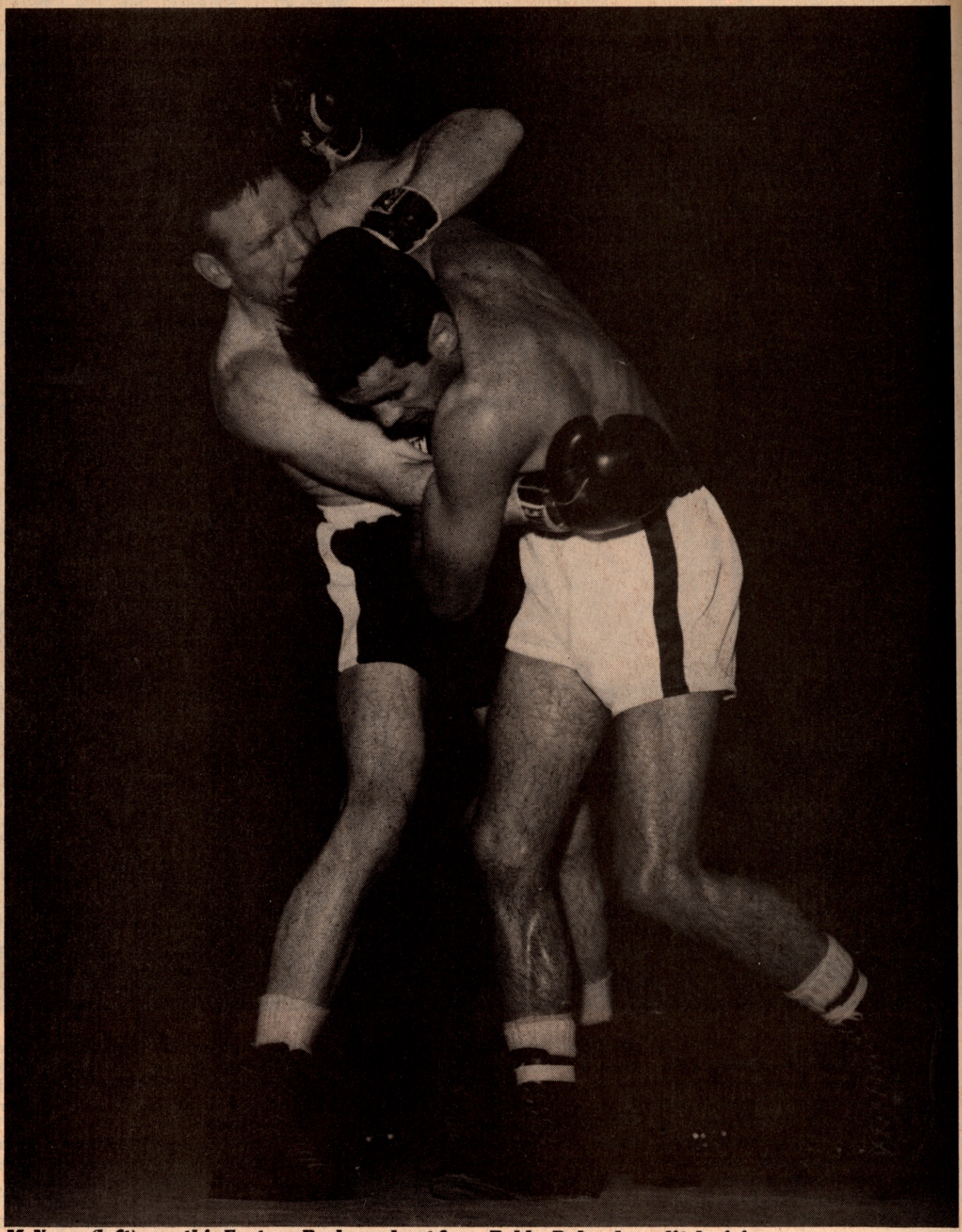
"I don't feel tired," McNeece said now. "I don't know how I feel."

I came to know McNeece through Jimmy August. We were standing together one day in Stillman's, watching the sparring in the two rings, when Jimmy said, "I've got a kid for you. If you're looking for a kid that's typical of the kind that comes into boxing, I've got one—wild, absolutely fearless, makes every fight a war, but a real nice kid with it all."

I have known Jimmy now for close to ten years and respect him as one of the few capable trainers, teachers, and handlers of fighters still in the business. He is a short, stocky, bald man with brown eyes, who quit studying pharmaceutical chemistry at Columbia University thirty years ago to work with fighters; and he is particularly good with the young ones, since he is patient and painstaking and somewhat of an amateur psychologist.

"This kid was sent to me about six years ago," Jimmy said, "by a fighter I used to have, Dennis Deegan, who was a welter, back around 1936-'38. You may remember him. He had about forty pro fights and topped the Ridgewood and the Jamaica Arena."

"Deegan?" I said. "What did he look like?"



McNeece (left) won this Eastern Parkway bout from Bobby Dykes by split decision.

"A good left hand," Jimmy said.

"I don't recall him," I said.

"He works as a track foreman on the Independent Subway and he's friendly with the family of this kid," Jimmy said. "One day he come up to me here and told me he had a kid he wanted me to make a fighter of. Then he brings the kid up, and when I got through working with the other kids I started to teach him, believe me, from A to Z."

"Was there anything that impressed you about him from the start?" I said.

"All heart, that's all," Jimmy said. "A big gangling kid, about a hundred forty, like what you call an ostrich, but all fighter."

"I'd like to meet him," I said.

I met him a few days later. It was the middle of the afternoon and raining, and we walked up from Stillman's to The Neutral Corner and sat across from each other in one of the booths in the back room.

The Neutral Corner is a bar and grill on the southwest corner of Eighth Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street, in New York City, half a block north of Stillman's. It is owned and operated by Frankie Jay, Chicky Bogad, and Nick Masuras. Frankie used to manage fighters, including Tony Janiro, a good-looking welterweight of a half-dozen years ago who almost broke Frankie's heart; Chicky grew up with the good Jewish fighters who came out of the Lower East Side about thirty-five years ago, and once, for a few months, he was matchmaker for Madison Square Garden; Nick used to be a fighter himself, a middleweight.

"That scar under your right eye," I said to McNeece, after we had talked a few minutes. "Where did you get it?"

McNeece is twenty-three years old and stands six feet and weighs about one sixty-five. He has pale, freckled skin, red-blond, wavy hair, and pale blue eyes.

"Scar?" he said, feeling with the fingers of his right hand across the scar and then around it. "I haven't got any scar."

"It looks like a scar," I said, and reached across the table and placed my fingers on the little crescent of tightened skin on his right cheekbone. "It's an old one, but it's there."

"I don't think so," he said, puzzled. "I was never cut there."

In the bar and in the back room at The Neutral Corner the walls are hung with black-framed photographs of prizefights and prizefighters, managers and handlers. In each of the half-dozen booths, centered on the wall between the pictures, there is a small, narrow mirror.

"Take a look in that mirror," I said. "You'll see it."

The fighter turned to the mirror, and then he moved his head to get the light right. Then, with his fingers, he went over the small scar twice and turned back with a half-smile on his face.

"You're right," he said. "I didn't even remember it. I got it in a kid fight so long ago I forgot it."

"What about the fight?"

"I don't remember it. I just vaguely remember that I got cut there once in a kid fight. I don't remember anything about the fight, and I didn't even remember that I had the cut."

"The bridge of your nose," I said. "It's starting to broaden. Was it ever broken in a fight?"

"No," he said, feeling his nose. "It's just from my amateur fights and my fights as a pro."

"Does it bother you that your face is getting marked?"

"No."

"When Billy Graham was a kid in school," I said, speaking of the fighter and not the preacher, "he used to box in the boys' clubs. After a fight he'd wear a patch over his eye to school. There wasn't any cut under the patch; he wanted to look like a fighter. Did you ever do that?"

"No," McNeece said. "I never did that, but I was never ashamed of anything for sure. When I get banged, I get banged."

I would say that tells a lot about what makes a fighter right there. I go along with the poet who said my body is the mansion of my soul. I can tell you exactly how I got the scar on my lower lip and the one on the index finger of my left hand and the one on my right knee. That's one of the reasons why I was never a fighter, and why McNeece is.

McNeece grew up in Central Islip, Long Island. There were three kids in the family—his sister Mary, who is a year older than the fighter, and his brother Jimmy, who is a year younger.

"Have you had a hard time around your home?" I said.

"Sure," McNeece said. "My father's a laborer, a construction worker."

"Was he ever out of work?"

"Sure. When the weather is bad or you're sick, you can't work. Ever since we were little kids my mother worked in the state hospital, too. We never had much money."

I will admit that not all fighters are impelled by financial poverty. I have known a few who attended college, but they were less as fighters because of it. There was always the knowledge within them that they could make a living in another way. And so it has always been that most fighters, and the best fighters, are those who know that fighting will give them their only chance to make a real pile.

"I never wanted to be anything else but a fighter," McNeece said. "Me and my brother—he's in the Navy now—I guess the first thing we ever got was boxing gloves. They threatened to burn the gloves a million times, the fights we used to have."

He was sitting there, friendly and alert to my questions. He had on a pair of gray slacks and a soft yellow sports shirt, open at the neck, and a light-tan wind jacket. He is big-boned and, although considered to be a middleweight, he will probably build up with proper training and with proteins to add about ten pounds of good weight and become a light heavyweight.

"From a little kid on," he said, "I got all the Record Books and I know every fighter from away back. My mother used to wake me up at ten o'clock so I could listen to the fights."

I think that's important in this, too. Some fighters have to go against their families to do it, but in the majority of cases the resistance is what the Army used to call sporadic, at best. That is why I decided to drive out to Central Islip to try to find out what forces, outside of himself, impelled this fighter toward the ring, and why, at home, the climate, as they say, was right.

Central Islip is a crossroads town about fifty miles from New York City and in about the geographical center of Long Island. Robert Ripley once ascertained, after what could have been some very pleasant research, that there were more bars per capita in Central Islip than in any other town or city in the United States. Its population has been about 90 percent Irish Catholic, and most of its residents work in the three nearby state mental hospitals and in the Grumman and Republic aircraft plants.

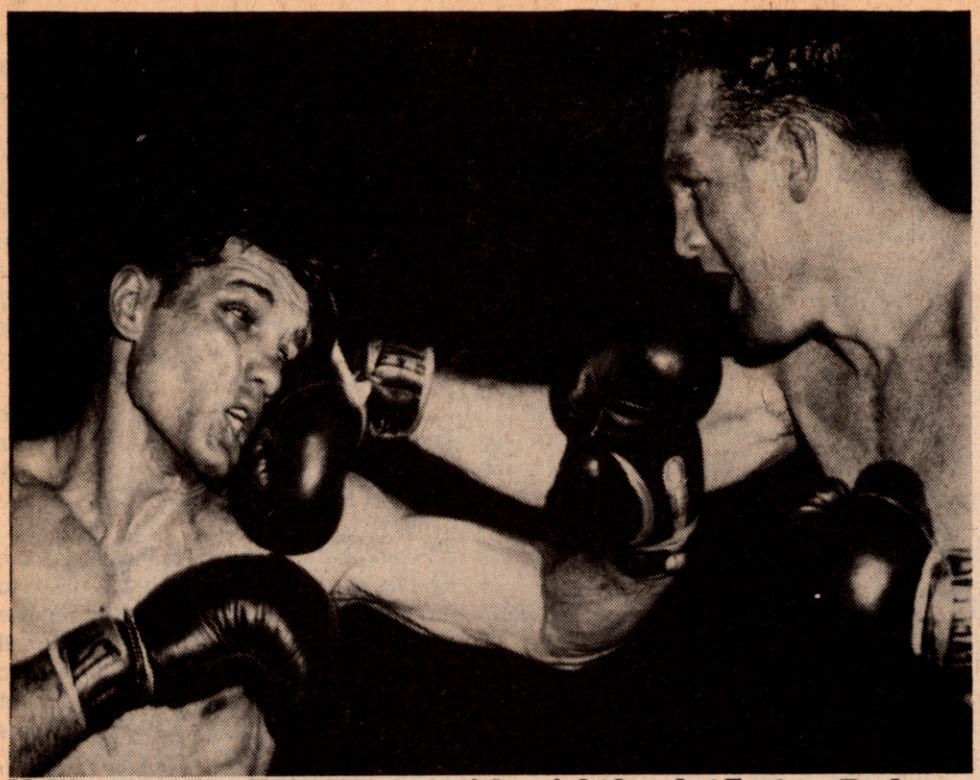
"This is a fighting town," Joe Barlin, the physical education instructor and coach of Central Islip High School, told me. "Kids around here fight more than in any other town I've ever known."

Barlin, McNeece, and I were in the small faculty room off the stage in the gymnasium. Barlin, still a young man, was smoking a pipe.

"I was quite aghast when I first came here," he said, "but I've come to let the kids throw a few punches. You see, it's a hospital town. The parents work around the clock, and the kids are left to shift for themselves, more than in most places."

I suppose McNeece was amused by the efforts I was making to reconstruct the background that propelled him into professional fighting. In his own mind it is all very simple. He always wanted to be a fighter.

"If you ask me why he became a fighter," Barlin said, "I'll give you three reasons: One, he's Irish. Two, he's got a younger brother. Three, he was always a fierce competitor."



McNeece catches Tony Johnson with a right hand at Eastern Parkway. Billy was a 3-1 favorite coming in but had to battle back to earn a draw after a shaky start.

"My brother and I, we'd be mad at one another about almost everything," McNeece said, smiling. "We fought all the time. When we played on the same teams here they would never put us both into the game at the same time."

While in high school, he had played varsity basketball, soccer, and baseball. He had never failed a subject, but after his third year and at the age of seventeen he quit to enlist in the paratroops.

"Whatever he played here," Barlin said, "he fought like hell all the way. I wish we had more like him. He'd just as soon tell you to go to hell as not; but he'd always tell the truth. He has what I'd call an open personality."

A slim, neatly dressed man in his thirties came in carrying a book and some papers. Barlin introduced him as Ted Jamison, the assistant principal, and after he had shaken hands with me and greeted McNeece warmly, he sat down and I explained my interest in McNeece.

"Would you," I asked him, "say that there is something in the general environment here that Billy has been trying to escape?"

That is, really, the way we regard fighting in our time. We examine the exponents of it, and their origins, as if they were confirmed criminals.

"Definitely," Jamison said. "We have that problem here constantly, and I've even held up Billy, here, as an example of what one individual can do about it. A lot of kids here have a defeatist complex. They say, 'What have I got to look forward to? To work in the hospital or the aircraft plant all my life?' "

"I always said I wouldn't be working in the hospital," McNeece said.

"Exactly," Jamison said. "I just couldn't see Billy doing that. I think he'd go crazy in a factory, too. I think he'd walk out and tell the boss what to do."

"I think I would," McNeece said, smiling.

While the McNeece children were small, the family lived in an aging gray frame house behind a lumberyard near the center of town. Six years ago they moved into a home of their own, a new ranch-type bungalow in a development of small houses on the northeast edge of the town.

When we arrived at the house the fighter's older sister Mary was there with her two-year-old son. As I talked with her it was apparent that she sees nothing surprising about the fact that her brother has become a fighter and, as a result, has never attempted to analyze the reasons for his choice of this profession.

"But when you and your brother were small," I said, "I'm sure there were occasions when your parents punished you. Do you recall how your brother reacted to punishment?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I remember that when my mother would smack him, he'd just stand there. I remember he'd never cry or anything."

The fighter's mother is a small, auburn-haired woman, now forty-four years old, who came to this country alone from Ireland when she was sixteen to live with relatives. On this particular day she got home early from the hospital.

"He wasn't difficult as a child," she said. "I would say he was just adventurous. They used to have the Tarzan movies then, and I'd come home and find rope strung from tree to tree. I did worry a little, but he always seemed to come out all right, and I got over that."

Mrs. McNeice—the fighter changed the spelling of the name when he began to box—said it was much the same when her son started fighting. At first she was nervous, but when she saw that he was not being hurt she ceased to worry deeply, and she has attended each of his fights in and around New York.

"I went to his first one here, at the Eastern Parkway," she said. "He won, and then I felt that I never wanted to change anything, so I still go."

"The chance to make a lot of money draws all fighters to the ring," I said. "Would you say that your son has always been conscious of how difficult it is for many people to make a good living?"

"Often," she said, "he would say to me, 'Someday I want to make a lot of money.' "

"When I was in the Army," the fighter said, "I used to read about guys I boxed in the amateurs moving ahead. I'd tell my mother, 'Wait till I get out of the Army, and then we'll have some of the nice things.' "

"Billy worked after school, too," Mrs. McNeice said.

"Once I worked in the ravioli factory here," the fighter said. "I labeled jars from five in the afternoon to ten. I was about twelve years old, and one day the inspector came in and found me."

When the fighter was thirteen he piled lumber for the Central Islip Lumber Company. When he was fifteen he worked at Camp Upton, Long Island, on a construction job with his father.

"He always brought home the money," Mrs. McNeice said, "and waited for his cut."

Shortly after four o'clock, William McNeice, Sr., came home. He is a thin, ruddy-faced, sandy-haired, blue-eyed man, now fifty years old.

He was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and left school in the eighth grade at the age of fourteen to work as a truck helper. Then he became a brick handler and finally a construction laborer.

"Coming from the Williamsburg section," he said, when I began to question him about fighting, "I followed fighters since I was a kid. I thought there was nobody like Mike O'Dowd."

This reminded me of the one question I had saved. I wanted to ask it of the mother and father together.

"All of the motion pictures and all of the fiction that are written about boxing," I said, "depict the seamy side. They're concerned with death in the ring or dishonest fights or dishonest managers or gangsters. Were either of you worried about your son getting into a business that is always portrayed in that manner?"

"I never believed that stuff about the cheating managers or the fixed fights," the father said. "I never worry about the boy getting hurt, either. I've seen many fights in my line of work, and I saw many a fight in the Ridgewood or the armories or Ebbets Field. I saw the boy in all his Golden Gloves bouts, and from the way he handled himself I figured he wasn't being hurt."

"But didn't what you had seen in the movies or read about boxing concern you?" I asked the mother.

"Billy used to talk so much about boxing that it never bothered me," Mrs. McNeice said. "I never believed the other things, and I met Jimmy August and Billy's manager and they're nice men."

When McNeece finished his four years in the Army early last year and resumed professional fighting, August turned over the management of him to Irving Cohen. Cohen, a short, semi-stout, round-faced, blue-eyed, soft-spoken man, manages Billy Graham and managed Rocky Graziano to the middleweight championship. He is completely honest in his dealings with his fighters, and is so cautious that seldom does he put one of them into a ring unless he is reasonably certain that the fighter has better than an even chance to beat the other man.

"Out here," the fighter said now, "I guess the guys that follow boxing were surprised that I got Irving Cohen for a manger."

I did not see the fighter again until the evening of the fight. He had been at Greenwood Lake, New York, for twelve days training to fight Jackie La Bua, another young middleweight, at the Eastern Parkway, and he and August had taken a room at a hotel just off Times Square for the night before the fight.

La Bua had had twenty-five fights and had won twenty-two—McNeece had won ten of twelve—and was working on a winning streak of eleven. Although the New York newspapers had not given much space to the fight, they had been unanimous in the opinion that La Bua was

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the logical favorite to lick McNeece.

"How is he?" I said to August when I met him in the hotel lobby.

"He's resting," August said. "He'll be down in a few minutes."

"How will he do?"

"Who knows?" August said. "He can lick this guy, but it depends on him. The trouble with him is that he fears nothing."

"I know," I said.

"It's a tough job for a conscientious trainer and manager to put fear and respect in a guy like this," August said. "He takes chances he shouldn't take. He can box like hell, but he gets hit on the chin and then he's a sensational fighter for no reason at all.

"A guy with too much guts is hard to teach. A guy with a little geezer in him is the greatest fighter in the world. You teach him a trick and he'll learn it. This guy, he says, 'Aw, I'll run him out of the ring.'

"So the other trainers," August said, "they say to me, 'Why must he go wild. Why can't you cool him down?' How am I going to cool him down? In one fight he went wild altogether, and he came to me and he said, 'Why can't you control me?'

"He's asking me? I've tried everything. I've conned him and I've abused him, because let's face it. You know what an Irishman or a Jew who can fight can mean at the gate."

"I know," I said.

"Even managers get excited when they think about it," August said. "If I can cool him off and let him use the ability God gave him, good. If I can't, he'll have a short career, and that's what it'll be tonight. If he loses his head, he's gone. If he fights his fight, he'll lick the guy without too much trouble."

The fighter came down and went out and got into his second-hand Dodge convertible. With Jimmy Moulton, a young lightweight who was to box a four-rounder on the card, driving, and with McNeece sitting up front with him, we started for the Arena.

"How are your folks?" I said to McNeece after a while.

"They're fine, thanks," he said. "That is, my mother's fine, but my father's sick. He can't move."

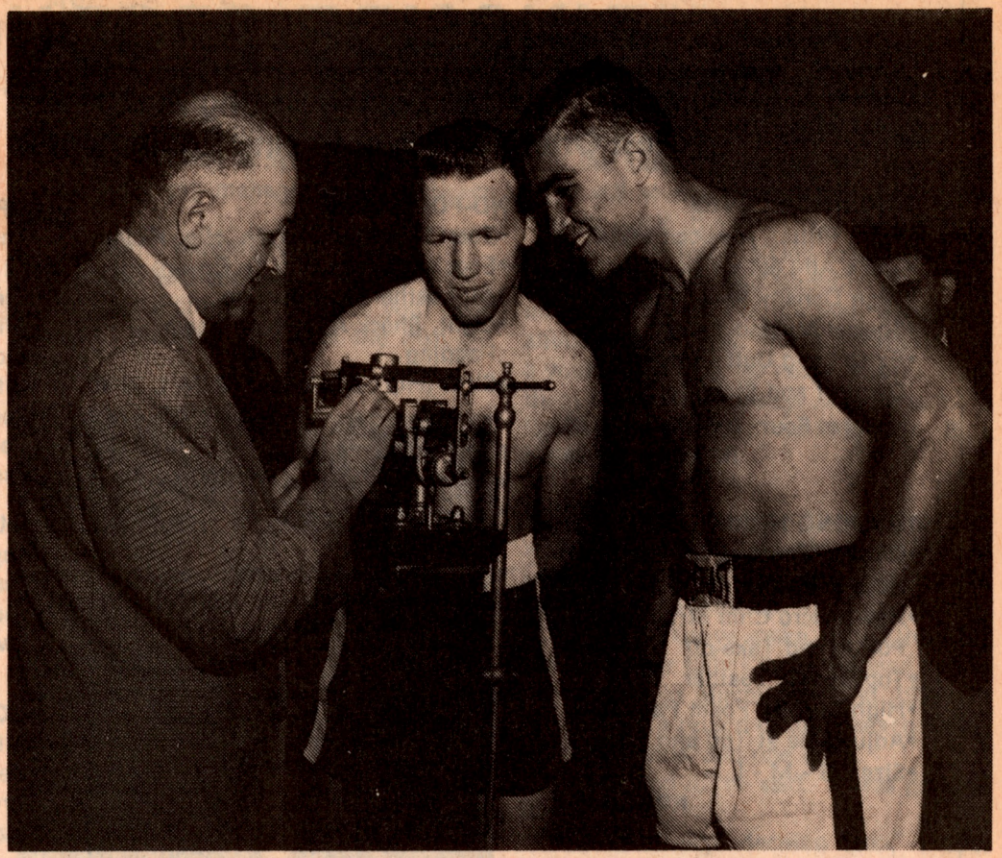
"He can't move?" I said.

"They brought him home from work," McNeece said, "and he couldn't move. He's lying there in the house and he can just move one hand."

"Did he have a stroke?" I said to August, who was riding next to me in the back.

"It must be," August said, shrugging. "They didn't want Billy to know before the fight."

"They tried to keep it from me," the fighter said. "I heard about it and I went out there yesterday."



Billy (right) weighs in at 162½ pounds as Jackie LaBua and a deputy N.Y. commissioner look on. McNeece stopped LaBua on cuts after six rounds.

"The dough you'll get for tonight," August said, "will come in handy."

In the preceding twelve months McNeece had earned nine hundred dollars in purses in five fights. For this one, however, he would clear about a thousand dollars after expenses for his end.

"I'll say," he said. "I'll go out there tomorrow, and we'll take him to the hospital. I'll have the money to put right down."

The Arena's dressing rooms are to the left of the lobby; half of the preliminary fighters are in one room and the men they are going to fight in another, and because McNeece was boxing the ten-round main event, he had a private cubicle, about ten feet by eight, with the shower curtain separating him from the preliminary boys.

In the two and a half hours that we waited there he was more quiet than he had been on the other occasions when I had been with him. If he heard the talk of the preliminary boys he paid no attention to it, resting on his back on the rubbing table and then later he sat up while August bandaged and taped first one hand and then the other, and I thought of what he had told me about his feelings before a fight.

"When you enlisted in the Army," I had asked that afternoon in The Neutral Corner, "why did you pick the paratroops?"

"For the extra pay," he said.

"Had you ever been up in a plane before?"

"Not until I jumped."

"Were you scared?"

"I was as nervous as anybody else, but I think you do it because it's just follow the leader. I always had pride, and if anybody said I couldn't do something, I'd do it."

"Did you know any men who wouldn't jump?"

"Sure. They have a heck of a lot of quitters. Maybe almost half the class were quitters. But I never thought about them one way or the other. Some of the guys laughed at them, but at times even I myself felt like saying, 'The hell with this stuff.' That's the reason I wouldn't quit. If the other guy could do it, so could I."

"Did you pray before your jumps?" I said, remembering that he had told me that he and his brother had been altar boys and had attended parochial school.

"I went to church the night before my first jump. I always make a visit to church just before a fight, too."

"For what do you pray?"

"I ask for a real good fight, and that I don't get my eyes busted up."

"Do you pray to win?"

"No. If I ask to win, I still might get beat, and I don't want to be disappointed."

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August and Cohen and Whitey Bimstein behind him, came down the aisle. When he was introduced from the ring, about half of them set up a noise, and when La Bua, who lives in East Meadow, Long Island, took his bow the effect was about the same.

As the bell rang, McNeece came out fast and he was three quarters of the way across the ring when he and La Bua joined. Immediately it was apparent that La Bua was the calmer of the two, and he met McNeece's rush with two jabs that brought the color to McNeece's face.

"Easy, Irish!" Bimstein hollered up. "Hold it, Irish!"

It was that way through the first minute of the first round, with McNeece's anxiety showing in the punches he was missing and with La Bua pacing himself nicely. Then, suddenly, halfway through the round, McNeece landed a right hand to the body that hurt La Bua and backed him up. The moment he felt La Bua give under the punch, McNeece moved in after it, forcing, and it was apparent now that this, unless La Bua could do something to change it or McNeece lost his head, would be the pattern of the fight.

It was the same in the second round, with McNeece pressing, keeping La Bua from getting set. La Bua's corner must have noticed this, because in the third round La Bua came out and tried to take the lead. He was putting more authority into his jabs, snapping McNeece's head back. For a moment he backed McNeece up, but then McNeece started to drop inside the arcs of La Bua's follow-up punches and hook to La Bua's body, and when he did that it was the same as it had been in the first two rounds.

It would in all probability have been the same for ten rounds except that, in the fifth, a cut opened over La Bua's left eye from one of McNeece's overhand rights. It opened again the sixth, and at the end of the round Dr. Samuel Swetnick, of the New York State Athletic Commission, climbed into the ring. He looked at the eye and then spoke to the referee, and the referee threw his hands out flat to signal the end.

All the way from the ring to the dressing room McNeece, grinning now, his face and hair wet, was accepting the congratulations of his friends. A few minutes later, his green robe over him, he was sitting on the dressing table, holding an ice pack to his left eye, which had purplish welts above and below it.

"You see?" August was saying, bending over McNeece. "When you jabbed and moved under, his right went over your head."

"I know," McNeece said. "It was good."

"You looked very good tonight," Joe Lee, a sportswriter, was saying. He was standing by the table with pencil and paper in hand.

"He was a very tough guy, a very tough guy," McNeece said, and I could see he was starting to unwind now. "He takes a good rap. I'd just wait for him to start, and then I'd shoot inside to the belly."

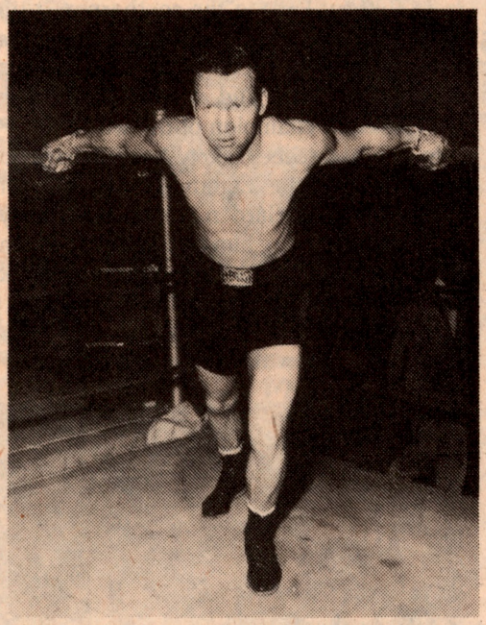
"Who'd you like to fight now?" Lee said.

"Anybody my manager says," McNeece said.

"You see?" Bimstein said.

"I know," McNeece said.

"You got a little Jew sense in your head tonight," Bimstein said. "Let the Irish out later."



"He means be more deliberate," McNeece said, smiling and explaining the reference to Lee.

"Let me tell you something," Izzy Grove, who had just come in, said. "You got a lot of ability. You can make a lot of money."

"Thank you," McNeece said, smiling and removing the ice pack.

During the middle and late twenties, Izzy Grove was a good middleweight who fought most of the best in and around New York, several champions among them. Now he books dance bands for a living.

"Don't thank me," he said. "Thank yourself. I don't want to tell you how to fight. You got a manager and a trainer to tell you that. Just behave yourself. Don't abuse this body. You got only one."

"I know," McNeece said.

"Have a good time, sure," Grove said, "but not tonight. Wait a couple of days. Don't get drunk."

"Sure," McNeece said.

"Let these words become imbedded in your brain," Grove said, tapping his own forehead. "I know. I been through it. There's no business in the world where you can make more money if you take care of yourself."

"I know," McNeece said.

"Remember this," Grove said. "The whole world loves a winner and the losers are on 'Strike It Rich.' "

"Thanks, Mr. Grove," McNeece said.

In the lobby, fifteen minutes later, there were still several dozen men and women waiting near the door to the dressing rooms. They were talking loudly and kidding one another and laughing, and every now and then one of the men would slap another on the back. They were waiting for a young man who, for many reasons, all of them interwoven, always wanted to be a fighter. They were waiting for Billy McNeece.

He is fifty-two years old now, married, with four sons and a daughter, and lives in Oakdale, Long Island, about a dozen miles from where he grew up. All of that money, of which Izzy Grove spoke, wasn't there for him, and after Billy Kilgore stopped him in five rounds in Miami Beach in 1956, he retired with a record of thirty-seven fights, thirty-one wins, and one draw.

"But I loved it," he said. "It was good to me."

"Was it a tough decision then," I said, "when you decided to give it up?"

"No," he said. "Not really. I had a serious car accident—fifty stitches in the head—and after that I didn't feel the same. You know how it is, too, when you're young. You look at your friends. They're goin' out, and you can't. You want to get married and have kids, and for four years I was going to electrician's school, so I had a trade I could go into."

For a while he had his own electrical firm and, at the same time, he ran a sanitation business. Now he works the 4 p.m. to midnight shift at the Long Island Lighting Company's nuclear power plant on the north shore of the island. Three years ago he underwent open heart surgery in Houston with the Dr. Michael DeBakey team doing a triple bypass.

"So I'm lucky," he said. "I've got my health, and a fine family. We're very close, and three of my boys are fighters."

"So I heard," I said.

"You see," he said, "they grew up around it, with the people talking about it. I love the game, so I guess I encouraged them, even though it's difficult for me to see them fight."

"You don't enjoy watching them fight?"

"I go crazy," he said. "You wouldn't believe it. It's much tougher than being in there. I'm a wreck, but it gives them identity. It separates them from being just a face in the crowd, so if that's the avenue they want to pursue, that's great. If I thought they were taking the chance of getting hurt, though, I wouldn't be for it."

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MARTY SERVO

THE CONGENIAL CULTURES OF SCHOLARSHIP and pugilism collided head-on one afternoon in 1946 on the campus of Seton Hall College, in South Orange, New Jersey. Seton Hall has won a lot of basketball games and become a university since then without ever regaining the intellectual heights it touched on the day savants like Dr. Tony Galento and Dr. Gus Lesnevich snapped watercress sandwiches there and Dr. Willie (The Beard) Gilzenberg prowled the halls in full academic regalia—baggy corduroy pants, a shirt of lipstick red, leather windbreaker, and a hunter's cap.

The occasion was Schoolboy Red Cochrane's last training session preparatory to defending the welterweight championship of the world against Marty Servo.

Boxing titles had been frozen during World War II, and Red Freddie Cochrane was the first champion to risk his crown after V-J Day. In 1946 he was a thirty-year-old Seton Hall freshman under the GI Bill of Rights, having kept his title in mothballs for four-and-a-half years while he served in the Navy.

In those days Sugar Ray Robinson was widely regarded as the uncrowned champion of the welters, and Freddie resented the implication that he was a cheese champion. He said his manager, Dr. Gilzenberg, was the only man who had faith in him and that he was determined to justify The Beard's faith. "Friday night," the Schoolboy predicted, "will be Gilzenberg Night."

The campus scene is only one of many dredged out of the past by news that Marty Servo had died of cancer at the age of forty-nine.

Two others come back with special clarity.

In one, Servo is bringing a left hook up from Battery Park to the southernmost tip of Cochrane's profile. Ten seconds later class was dismissed for the Schoolboy, Gilzenberg Night was over, and Marty Servo was welterweight champion of the world.

In another scene, Marty has his back to the ropes on the Eighth Avenue side of Madison Square Garden, a maniacal Rocky Graziano is holding him by the throat with a gloved left hand and smashing Servo's blank face again and again with dreadful rights.

Marty had been champion for fifty-six days. When he woke up he was still champion, for Graziano was a middleweight and couldn't qualify for the 147-pound title, but he was through as a fighter. Rocky had hammered his nose permanently askew—"a deviated septum," doctors called it—and Servo never again would breathe without difficulty. He had to relinquish the championship without a defense.

That's why Marty is seldom mentioned among the welterweight champions of the first rank, and it is the reason why benefits had to be conducted for him during his six-year battle with cancer. He deserved better on both counts.

Marty never made a dollar out of his championship. In fact, the title may have cost him money. To get the match with Cochrane, Al Weill, Servo's manager, guaranteed the champion $50,000. The purse didn't come to that, and Weill took the Graziano bout to recoup the loss before agreeing to risk the title against Robinson.

Al Weill bowed to no man in his admiration for a dollar, yet in his fashion he occasionally revealed something suspiciously like principles. When he realized that his champion could not fight again without risking grave permanent damage, Al took it on himself to retire Marty just as he had retired Marty's cousin, Lou Ambers, five years earlier.

While he was physically able, Marty supported himself at various jobs. (Chances are he never knew how many friends Graziano chivvied across town to bring business into one restaurant where Marty was tending bar.) At best, Marty only got by financially. After he fell sick, his hometown paper, the *Schenectady Union-Star*, raised $13,000 through the efforts of Al DiSantis, the sports editor.

When Weill announced Marty's retirement, pronouncing "deviated septum" with visible effort, some skeptics hinted that it was a trumped-up excuse to avoid a match with Ray Robinson. This was cruelly unfair.

Marty had already met Robinson twice, losing both ten-rounders by narrow margins. He was the only welterweight who had ever held Sugar Ray to a split decision—one of the Philadelphia officials thought he won their first match—and these were Marty's only defeats in forty-nine professional fights over five years. Before that he had won ninety-one times in ninety-five amateur starts.

Cool, confident, and polished, with a swift and accurate hook, Marty was an excellent fighter who believed with all his heart that he could whip any man his size in the world. The only time he ever went in knowing he couldn't win, his opponent was cancer. And he fought that one off for six years.

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